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Records of
Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference.

Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference was organized at Stony Run Church in Cumberland County North Carolina on the first day of November A. D. 1855.

Original Ministers and Churches.

Elders in Organization:

James Turnage
Gardiner Holmes
Wm. F. Hall
John Williams
Wm. Harris
Curtis Lee
John Watson.

Original Churches:

Stony Run, Cumberland Co.
Long Branch " "
Free Union " "
Fayetteville " "
Shady Grove Sampson
Bethsaida Harnett
Prospect "
Elbethel Robeson.

Membership 370.

Constitution.

Article 1. This body shall be known as Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference.

Art. 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christs Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

Art. 3. This Conference shall be composed of the ministers who are members of churches belonging to the body, and of delegates from these churches, each church being entitled to three delegates.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church, and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

Art. 5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Art. 6 This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many Boards or Standing Committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

Art. 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at a regular Session of Conference through delegates, appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegate the hand of fellowship.

Art. 8. The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

Art. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by vote of four-fifths of the members present.

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A Record of the anual Conferences held by the Cape fear Frewill Bapti of North Carolina,, first Sesion

Minutes of the first anual Sesion of the Cape fear Original Freewill Bapti Anual Conference held at Stony Run Meeting house Cumberland County North Carolina on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th days of Nov'r, A. D. 1855.

Thursday Nov'r 1st 1855

Agreeable to previous appointment the Ministers Messengers and Delegates of the Cape fear Original Freewill Baptis Conference met at Stony Run Meeting house, Cumberland County N. C. at 12 o'clock, Elder John. Williams who had ben previously appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon attended and Introduced devine Service and preached from 1st Corinthians 1st chapter 10th verse, now I beseech you Brethren, by the name of our lord Jesus Christ, that ye all Speak the Same thing, and that there be no devisions among you, but that ye be perfectly Joind together in the Same mind and in the Same Judgment"

Conference was then duly Organised by choosing Elders John. Williams Moderator and William: Harris asist, Moderator, Eld. Jas. Turnage Clk and Bro. Daniel. Joras asist. Clk. On motion by Eld. Wm. Harris Resolved that brethren David. B. Dawson Levi. Hall L. A. Avera be a committe of finance to Receive contributions Settle with the treasurer and Report to Conference,, On motion by Eld. Jas. Turnage Resolved that Brethren Joseph. Taylor. Daniel. Dail,, and Martin. Byrd be a Committe of arrangements to Supply the congregation and to fill the Stage with Preachers during this Conference,, On motion by Eld John. Williams Resolved that Eld. S. J. Carrow from the Original Freewill Bapti Conference be invited to take a Seat in this Conference. On motion by Eld John. Williams Resolved that Bro Moore from South Carolina be invited to take a Seat in this Conference. On motion by Eld Wm. Harris Res- that Eld Curtis. Lee be Invited to take a Seate in this Conference, On motion by Eld Wm. Harris that the old Constitution be read in this Conference On motion by Eld W. F. Hall. Resolved that this Constitution be reed in this Conference On motion by Eld James. Turnage Res- that Bro Thomas. Avera be our General Treasurer On motion by Eld. Wm. Harris. Res- that the committe of arrangements retire and Select Ministers to fill the Stage on friday

Report that Elds. S. J. Carrow. and Curtis Lee. preach to the congregation on friday On motion by Eld Wm. Harris Resolv, that Bro S. N. Ellis attend the Stage and take down the Several tex of Scripture and hand them over to the clk On motion by Eld Jas. Turnage Resolved, that Conference adjourn until friday morning 10 o'clock Praise and Prayer by Eld S. J. Carrow,,

Friday Morning Novr. 2nd. 1855

The Elders Ministers Messengers and Delegates met according to adjournment Praise and Prayer by Eld Gardner. Holmes On motion by Eld. John Williams Resolved that the letters from the Several Churches be called for and read Which the fallowing table will exhibit..

Churches	Counties	Names of Delegates	Received	Baptised	Expelled	Died	Dismissed	Total of members	contribution $
Stony Run	Cumberland	Wm. Hardison, Surrell. Jackson, Robt. Dawson,	4	7	..	1	2	71	3 00
Long Branch	Ditto	J. Godwin, A. J. Taylor, J. H. Harris, ...	3		2	"	..	21	1 00
Free Union	Ditto	Represented by Eld Harris	"	"	"	"	"	20	..
Fayetteville	Dito	Thomas. Wooten	4	10	40	1	..	28	1 50
Shady Grove	Sampson	Jno. A. Butler, D. B. Dawson, Jas. Warren	1	50	..	..	..	80	5 00
Bethsadia	Harnett	Levi. Hall, J. L. Jernigan, J. Wheeler	3	23	2	"	1	45	3 00
Prospect	Ditto	R. M. Canada, W. A. Avera. Elisha. Brown	..	..	..	..	..	90	3 00
Elbethel,	Robeson	Wm. C. Miller. Wm. Philips	1	..	..	..	..	15	1 25
			21	90	44	2	3	370	17 75

On motion by Eld John. Williams Resol. that the petitions for the next annual Conference be taken up. in order. voted that the next annual Conference be held at Shady Grove Sampson County N.C. and that it commence on Thursday befor the Second Sabbath in Oct next On motion by Eld. Gardner. Holmes Resol. that Eld Wm. Harris Preach the Introductory Sermon and on his failure Eld Jas. Turnage On motion by Eld. Wm. Harris Res. that the Committe of finance retire Settle with the Treasurer and report to Conference

Report,

now in hand Contribution this year .... $ 17 75.

David. B. Dawson
Lucian. A. Avera } Comitte of finance
Levi Hall

On motion by Eld. John. Williams Res- that Eld James Turnage and Bro Daniel Jones transcribe and prepare these minutes for the press. and that Eld Wm. Harris contract with the printer and Send them to the Several churches,
On Motion by Eld John. Williams that there be five hundred copys of minutes printed On motion by Eld John. Williams Res. that there be fifty copys Sent to the Eastern Conference and twenty five to the South Carolina Conference
On motion by Eld John. Williams. Res. that all the money in hand of the general Treasurer be paid over to Eld Wm. Harris to pay for the printing of the minutes and if any money be left for the Same to be paid over to Eld. James. Turnage
On motion by Eld. Gardner. Holmes Res that the name of Eld John. Watson be enrooled on the list of Preachers of this Conference

On motion by Eld James. Turnage Res- that the Committe of arrangements retire and Select Preachers to fill the Stage on Saturday Reported that Elder Gardiner Holmes Wm. F. Hall and Wm. Harris fill the Stage and Preach to the attending Congregation on Saturday On motion by Eld James Turnage Resol that Conference adjourn until Saturday morning 10 o clock Praise and. Prayer by Eld James. Turnage.,

Saturday morning Novr 3rd 1855

Ministers Meſsengers and Delegates met according to adjournment Praise and Prayer by Wm. F. Hall On motion by Eld. James. Turnage Res- that if there be not money Enough to pay for the printing of the minutes that Each Church pay in proportion for the Same On motion by Eld James. Turnage Resol that we have a Discepline printed and that each Church pay in proportion for the Same
On motion by Eld John. Williams Res that there be one hundred printed
On motion by Eld John. Williams Resolved that Elder James. Turnage Wm. F. Hall. and Bro D. B. Dawson be a Committe to have the Discepline printed and distributed to the Several Churches On motion by Eld Jas. Turnage Res that there be a circular letter written and attached to the minutes
On motion by Eld John. Williams Resol. that Bro Wm. Byrd write the Circular letter. On motion by Elder John. Williams Resolved that the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the people in this vicinity for there hospitality and kindneſs On motion by Eld John. Williams Res that that Eld James. Turnage Close Conference by Praise and Prayer
On motion by Eld James Resolved that Conference adjourn to time and place above mentioned Conference adjourned with Praise and Prayer by Eld James. Turnage

John. Williams. Moderator
William. Harris aſsist Moderator

James. Turnage. Clk
Daniel. Jones aſsist Clk.

The fallowing is a list of Elders Ministers and Preachers belonging to the Cape fear Freewill Baptist Annual Conference of N.C,

John. Williams
Gardiner. Holmes
Wm. Harris
Curtis. Lee
Wm. F. Hall
John. Watson
James. Turnage

The Committee of arrangements report that Elder S. J. Carrow and John Williams do fill the Stand on Sunday and that Eld James Turnage close Services in his own way ,, Under the direction of the Com. of arrangements the Stage was Supplied and the congregation Entertained as follows

Friday Nov. 2nd 1855

Eld S. J. Carrow introduced divine Service and preached from St Luke 24ch, 46th 47th and 48th vs - and Said unto them thus it is written and thus it behooved Christ to Suffer and to rise from the dead the third day and that repentance and remission of Sins Should be preached in his name among all nations begining at Jerusalem and ye are witnesses of these things

~~Prophecy of the Prophet~~ Elder Curtis Lee followed and preached from the Prophecy of the Prophet Amos 8th ch,, 11th and 12th verses Behold the days Come Saith the Lord God that I will Send a famine in the land not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water but of hearing the words of the Lord and they Shall wander from Sea to Sea and from the North Even to the East they Shall run to and fro to Seek The word of the Lord and Shall not find it

Saturday Novr 3d 1855

Elder Gardiner Holmes Introduced divine Service and preached from 1st Epistle General of John 3rd Ch,, 1st verse behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us the we Should be called the Sons of God therefore the world knoweth us not because it knew him not

Eld. W. F. Hall followed and preached from Genesis 45 ch. 28th verse and Israel Said it is enough Joseph my Son is yet alive I will go and Se him before I die

Eld Wm. Harris followed and preached St Luke 6th ch. 46th v and Call ye me Lord Lord and do not the things which I Say

Sunday Novr 4th, 1855

Praise and Prayer by Eld Wm. Harris after which Eld S. J. Carrow Introduced divine Service and preached from 1st Chronicles 28th ch. 9th v and thou Salomon my Son know thou the God of thy father and Serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind for the Lord Searcheth all hearts and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts if thou Seek him he will be found of the but if thou forsake him he will cast the off forever

Eld John. Williams followed and preached from St John 10th ch. 9th v I am the door by me if any man enter in he Shall be Saved and Shall go in and out and find pasture,, after which Eld James Turnage gave and Exortation praise and prayer and all were dismissed

P. S. having not the times of the Several Churches holding there anual and quarterly meetings we have to leave that table out of the minutes we would suggest to the Clks of the Several Churches to State in there letters to the next General Conference there usual times of anual and quarterly meetings and fail not

D. T
D. J

Our dearly Beloved brethren in the performance of the duty you assigned us we have Endeavored to accomplish the task to the best of our ability should you find any thing wrong please ascribe it to the waywardness of the pen and not of the heart and may the Lord deliver us from every Evil work and may he preserve us unto his heavenly kingdom to whom be glory forever and ever is the most earnest prayer of your Brotly and devoted friends

Daniel . Turnage
Harnett Cty N.C   Daniel . Jones

Decem. 19th 1855

Circular Letter

Beloved Brethren the Subject of our preasant letter is to call your attention to the evil and ruinous affects of Intemperance let us then in the first place very strictly observe the language of the proverbial writer Wine is a mocker Strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20th ch. 1st Verse.

notwithstanding this however I deem it the Indispensable duty of every professing christian and lover of God and man to set his face against this growing and distructive Evil of the preasant day and help to reiterate the voice of warning from one end of this vast continent to the other, this is the most necessary as the vice of Intemperance has of late years assumed a more bold and daring Stand and unblushingly carries on its work of distruction in the very face of the Sun neither the thunders of the divine law nor the disapprobation of public Sentiment have yet ben able Either to drive or Shame this vice from the land time was when it was deemed disgraceful for a man to be guilty of intoxication — that those who were drunken were drunken in the night but at this age of improvement and refinement this vice has received and does Still and does Still so often receive the Sanction of the daylight examples of many of the rich and otherwise influential parts of Society that it is no uncommon thing to se men lying Intoxicated in our Streets in open day public Sentiment is not yet Sufficiently aroused with teror of disgrace and infamy to drive this vile practice into the darkest Shades of midnight, but should the efforts which we trust are now being made (especially by those who are professing christians) go on with a Steady tide of Successful opperation, the time we trust is not far distant when Intemperance shall again take its place amonge the unfruitful works of darkness but we often hear men say and we regret to say members of the church that they must have there dram every morning this is apt to be the Language of the moderate drinker as well as the drunkard that it makes them feel mutch better and gaves them a better appetite for food &c, wo unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink that continue until night Till wine inflame them, Isiah 5th ch. 11th v. But no While we have temperate drinkers we shall ever be infested with drunkards for the latter are manufactured by the former for we do not believe however that any man ever Intended to fill a drunkards grave but alas how often it is the case that men of high standing in Society that first became moderate drinkers have ben led on step by step until they were brought down to the lowest steps of humiliation even to a level with the brute to wallowing in the filth and in the mire and at last have ben brought to there last and dying beds through and by the use of intoxicating liquors dreadful indeed to se those men appear before the Judgment seat of christ to hear that awful sentance pronounced against them depart from me ye cursed I know ye not for we find that the Lord has expressly declared no drunkard can ever inherit the kingdom of God..

awake ye drunkards and weepe and howl all ye drinkers of wine because of the new wine for it is cut off from your mouth Joel. 1st ch. 5th verse. the curse of God has gone out against the drunkard it pursues him undeviatingly through every lane of life and when he shall have draged the poor remains of his miserable existance out here he shall die a fool and go down to the interimdable flames of hell with the accumulated curses of and angry God upon his head and if you would estimate the extent of that blasting curse which awaits him in a boundless Eternity go and stand on the shores of that lake which burneth with fire and brimstone and hear the groans and behold the convulsive agonies of the damed and add eternity to there weight of wo and you have sum faint idea of the indignation of the Almighty against drunkards if ever there was a call for the friends of God of humanity and of there Country to bestir themselves and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty it is in the cause of temperance an Evil has gone fourth in this happy land which threatens to bury in one common grave the virtues and liberties of the nation and Evil more distressing than the blasting or mildew more distructive in its final consequence than the sword or the famine this is the vice which severest the tenderest ties of domestic and social happiness that blasts the prospects of aged parents and brings down there gray hairs with sorrow to the grave every parent then who has a growing family around him has a deep Interest in the cause of temperance whether he feels it or not what then is our duty brethren in relation to this subject let us be deeply impressed with the nature and extent of this dreadful calamity but let us go farther than merely to reflect and feel upon this subject not only to deplore but to help remove the Evil let every Temperate drinker of ardent Sperits dash the cup from his lips and adopt from this very good hour the plan of total abstinance except it be prescribed as a medicin by a temperate phisician let all heads of families banish the use of ardent Sperits from there habitation and no longer consider it a token of friendship and hospitality to set intoxicating Liquors before there friends let parents often explain to there children the dreadful Consequences of Intemperance and Solemly warn them against this growing and distructive Evil, but we must go one Step further I am convinced that deep and thorough Reformation Can never take place while christians for the paltry consideration of a little money furnish others with the means of destroying both Soul and body forever it is easy to make the Stale plea that men who love to drink will have it whither christians Sell it to them or not the Same might be Said of dealing out poison in any other Shape for the distruction of human life there are other questions far more important to be Settled is it right is it for the glory of God is it for the good of the church is it for the Salvation of Souls these questions ought to be answered upon the Consciences of every christian and upon the book of God but there must be perseverance in this work as well as a fair outset many have begun right and run well for a Season but alas they have grown weary in well doing and have fallen by the way Side but above all Brethren do not forget that your Strength lieth in having access to the years of the Lord of Sabaoth paul may plant and appollos may water but God alone Can give the desired increase and he hath Said I will be Sought unto by the house of Isreal to do these things let christians then in private and in the Social circle rember the cause of temperance and When assembled in public on Special occasions to pray for the Success of the gospel in general or for any one christian enterprise in particular let not forget to pray that God will most greciously grant his blessing upon the Combined efforts of christians to put away the evil of Intemperance from among us then will the cause of christ florish then will peace hormony and love remain among the churches and thus we Shall become the honored Instruments in the hands of God of Saving thousands of Souls from death and hiding a multitude of Sins finally Brethren farewell be perfect be of good comfort be of one mind live in peace and the God of love and peace Shall be with you amen

William . Byrd

J. L. R

Second annual Seſsion Cape Fear Conference

Minutes of the Second annual Seſsion of the Cape fear Original Freewill Baptist Conference held at Shady Grove Meeting house Sampson County N.C. on the 9th 10th 11th and 12th days of Oct AD. 1851

Thursday Oct 9th. 1851

agreeable to previous appointment the Ministers Meſsengers and Delegates of the Cape fear annual Conference met at Shady Grove meeting house Sampson County N.C. at 12. oclock

Eld William. Harris. who had ben previously appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon attended and after Eld John. Williams opened divine Service by praise and prayer Eld William. Harris followed and preached from pauls 1st letter to Timothy 4th ch. and 16th verse

take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine continue in them for in doing this thou Shall both Save thyself and them that hear thee

Conference was then duly organized by choosing Elders William. Harris Moderator and John. Williams. aſsist. Moderator Brother Daniel. Jones clk and James. W. Ryals aſsist. Clk. On motion by Eld James. Turnage resolved that Brethren Samual. N. Ellis and Lucian. A. Avera be a committe of finance to receive contributions Settle with the Treasurer and report to Conference

On motion by Eld John. Williams Resol that Elds Wm. Byrd and Wm. F. Hall and Brethren David. B. Dawson and Joseph. Taylor be a committe of arrangements to Supply the congregation and fill the Stage with Preachers during this Conference On motion by Eld John. Williams Resolved that the Brethren from the Eastern Conference be invited to take Seats in this Conference viz, Elders S. I. Carrow and Alfred. Moore and Brethren Owen. R. Jones William. A. Brand, and John. H. Jackson On motion by Eld John. Williams Res— that the old constitution be read in this Conference

On motion by Eld John. Williams Res— that Bro John. A. Butler attend the Stage and take down the txts of the Several Ministers and hand them over to the clk on motion by Eld Wm. Harris Res— that the committe of arrangments retire and Select ministers to fill the Stage on friday who reported that Eldrs. Wm. Byrd Alfred. Moore. and Carter. Lee do fill the Stand and preach to the congregation on friday On motion by Eld John. Williams Resol that Conference adj until friday morning 10. oclock Praise & Prayer by Eld Alfred. Moore

Friday Oct 10th

The Ministers Messengers and Delegates met according to adj. Praise and Prayer by Eld Wm. F. Hall On motion by Eld Wm. Harris Resolved that the letters from the several churches be called for and read and accepted as the following table Represents

Churches	Counties	Names of Delegates	Baptised	Expelled	Died	Dismissed	Total members.	Received	Contributions.
									$
Story Run	Cumberland	Daniel. Jones, S. N. Ellis, Riley. Jackson	1	..	..	3	49	..	5.00
Long. Branch	Ditto	Green. Johnson, A. G. Taylor, J. H. Harris	11	1	..	..	32	1	1.50
Fayetteville	Ditto ..	Not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Shady Grove	Sampson....	Wiley. West, B. Tew, M. R. Tew	22	2	...	5	94	2	5.00
Honett	Ditto	Naler. Bagget, H. M. Warren, B. Warren	..	..	..	..	55	...	2.00
Bethsadia	Harnett	Jno. Moore, Wm. Lucas, Amos. Norris	15	..	1	2	40	3	3.55
Prospect	Ditto	J. W. Ryals, G. Parker, E. A. Avera	19	..	..	5	102	24	5.00
Elbethel	Robeson	By letter	..	..	..	2	14	3	1.25
			68.	3.	1.	17.	430.	33.	23.30

On motion by Eld James. Turnage Resolved that Eld William. Harris do give John. Watson his credentials as he did ordain him On motion by Eld. John. Williams Res— that the Church at Hornett be recd in this Conference. On motion by Eld John. Williams Res— that the petitions for the next annual Conference be taken up voted that our next annual Conference be held at Prospect M. H. Harnett Cty N.C. and that it commence on Thursday before the Second Lords day in Oct 1857

On motion by Eld John. Williams Res— that the com. of finance retire settle with the Treasurer and report to conference

Report

	Treasurer . Dr
last year in hand	$00.00
this year	23.3.11
What is now in hand	$ 23.30

S. N. Ellis
E. A. Avera } Committe of finance

On motion by Eld John. Williams Resol- that Bro Daniel Jones transcribe the minutes and contract with the printer and Send them to the Several Churches

On motion by Eld John. Williams agr that Bro. Daniel. Jones have five dollars for his Services On motion by Eld. John. Williams agr that there be 500. minutes printed and there be 100 Sent to the Eastern Conference On motion by Eld John. Williams agr that the general Treasurer pay over all the money that is in hand to bro Daniel Jones and if there be any left after paying the Expences he will pay the Same over to the next anual Conference On motion by Eld John Williams agr that Eld Wm. Byrd preach the Introductory Sermon at our next anual Confer and on his failure. W. F. Hall On motion by Eld. James. Turnage that Eld Wm. Byrds name be enrolled on the list of Preachers of this Conference

On motion by Eld James. Turnage Resol. that all applicants for ordination in the ministry Shall apply to the anual Conference On motion by Wm. Harris agr that the Com of arrangements retire and Select ministers to Preach on Saturday Reported that Elders Wm. F. Hall. S. J. Carrow and James. Turnage preach to the attending congregation on Saturday On motion by Eld John Williams agr that Conference until Saturday morning 10 oclock

Praise and prayer by Eld James. Turnage

Saturday Oct 11th

The Ministers messengers and Delegates met according to adj- Praise and Prayer by Eld John. Williams On motion by Eld James. Turnage agr that Bro Daniel Jones read a letter that he has in this conference Read and Excepted On motion by Eld John. Williams agr that this letter be attached to the minutes On motion by Eld James. Turnage that there be Sum person Selected to write a circular letter to be read in our next anual Conference

(On motion by Eld Wm. Byrd resol that Bro J. D. Ryals write the letter On motion by Eld Wm. Harris that the press question be doped after Which the Conference voted in favor of a press the Moderator then vacated his Seat and ordered his name to be left off of the minutes Curtis Lee also ordered his name to be left off. The Conference was duly carried on by the assist Moderator On motion by Eld Holmes agr that we Send Delegates to the Eastern Conference On motion Res that we Delegate Elders Wm. Byrd and James. Turnage and Bro D. B. Dawson to visit them

On motion by Eld John. Williams Resol that the thanks of this vicinity are tendered for there kind hospitality during this Conference

On motion by Eld Wm. Byrd Resol that conference adj. to time and place above mentioned On motion by Eld John. Williams Resol that Eld alfred Moore close Conference by Praise and Prayer

The committe of arrangements reported that Eldrs Alfred. Moore and John. Williams fill the Stand on Sunday and preach to the Congregation

Daniel Jones. Clk
Jas. D. Ryals. asst. clk } John. Williams. asst. Moderator

'' .. See page 10 in Brackets

The following is a list of Ministers and Preachers belonging to the Cape fear Freewill Baptist annual Conference of North Carolina

John. Williams ...	Robeson County ...	Marysville P. O.
Gardner. Holmes	Cumberland Cty	Fayetteville. P. O
James. Turnage ..	Johnson County	Elevation P. O
William. F. Hall ...	Johnson County	Elevation P. O
John. Watson	Cumb. County	Fayettville
William. Byrd	Harnett. County	Averasboro P O

Under the direction of the Committee of arrangements the Stage was supplied and the congregation entertained as follows,
Elder William. Byrd Introduced divine Services and preached from St Mark 8th ch and 34th verse,, and when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also he said unto them whosoever will come after him let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me,,

Eld Alfred Moore followed and preached from Romans 8th ch. 29th and 30th. verses for whom he did foreknow he also did predestinate to be conformed to the Image of his Son that he might be the first borned among many Brethren Moreover whom he did predestinate them he also called and whom he called them he also Justified and whom he Justified them he also glorified,,

Eld Curtis Lee followed and preached from hebrews 2nd ch. 1st and 2nd. verses Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any Time we should let them Slip for if the word Spoken by angels was Steadfast and every transgression and disobedience recd a Just recompence of reward

Saturday Oct 11th

Eld Wm. F. Hall Introduced divine Services and preached from Solomons Songs 2nd. ch. and 3rd. verse as the apple tree among the trees of the wood so is my beloved among the Sons I sat down under his shadow with greate delight and his fruit was Sweete to my taste

Eld. S. J. Carrow followed and preached from Isiah 1st ch. and 18th. v- Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord though your Sins be as Scarlet they Shall be white as Snow though they be red like Crimpson they Shall be as wool after which Eld. James. Turnage Closed by way of exortation

Sunday Oct 12th

Praise and Prayer by Jeſse. Wheeler after which Eld Alfred Moore followed and preached from St Mathew 28th ch. 19th. and 20th v.) go ye therefore and teach all nations baptising them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the holy ghost teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world amen

after which Eld John. Williams followed and preached from Revelation 6th. chap. and 1st. verse and I saw when the lamb opened one of the Seals and I heard as it were the noise of thunder one of the four beasts saying Come and Se after which they Sung a farewell Song and all were dismiſsed

churches	Counties	annal meetings		
Stonyrun	Cumberland	1 St Sunday	in	August
Longbranch	Do	2 St	Do	Do
Shady Grove	Sampson	3rd	Do	Do
Hornett	Do	4th	Do	Do
Bethsadia	Harnett	4th	Do	Do
Prospect	Do	2nd Sunday	in	Sept
Elbethel	Robeson	2d	Do	Do

churches	Counties	quarterly Meetings
Stonyrun,	Cumberland,	1st. Sunday in Feb. May. Aug. Nov
Longbranch,	Do	2d. Do Do Do Do Do
Shady Grove,	Sampson	3d. Do in March. June. Sept. Decemb
Hornett,	Do	4th Do in Decemb. March. June. Sept
Bethsadia	Harnett	4th Do in Oct. Jan. apr. July
Prospect	Do	2d Do in Nov. Feb. May. Aug
Elbethel	Robeson	1st Do in June Sept Decemb March

Dear Brethren in the performance of the duty that you aſsigned me
I have tried to accomplish to the best of my Skill and ability hoping
that you will not find many mistakes in them and if you do find
any please look over them and charge to an eror of the head and not
of the heart and may God who is Seated high up in the heavens
Smile upon us and direct us in the old paths and direct us in lifes uneven
Ways and at last may we all get Safe home to heaven — is the prayer
of your unworthy Brother and friend

Daniel. Dorat"

Harnett. County N.C. Nov. 7th. 1856

Third Seſsion of the Cape fear anual Conference of N.C.

Minutes of the Third Seſsion of the Cape fear Freewill Baptis anual Conference held at Prospect Meeting house Harnett County N.C. On the 8th 9th 10th and 11th days of Oct A.D. 1857

Thursday Oct 8th

agreeable to previous appointment the Ministers Meſsengers and Delegates met at Prospect Meeting house Harnett Cty. N.C at 11 oclock Eld William Byrd Who had been previously appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon Conference was opened with Praise and Prayer by Eld James Turnage Eld Wm. Byrd followed and preached and able discourse from Acts of the apostles 21th chapt. and 28th verse take heed there fore unto yourselves and unto all the flock over which the holy ghost hath hath made you overseers to feed the church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood

Conference was then duly organized by choosing Elds = Wm. Byrd Moderator, and John. Williams aſsist Moderator James D. Ryals clk. and L. A. Avera aſsist clk. On motion by Eld James. Turnage agr. that brethren Richd Dixon and Hinton Munns be a com of finance to receive Contributions. Settle with the Treasurer and report to Conferen On motion by Eld James. Turnage agr. that Brethren Joseph. Taylor Riley, Jackson Isaac. Avera. and Martin Byrd be a Committe of arrangements to supply the congregation with Preachers during this Conference on motion by Eld Jas Turnage agr that fr Eld James. I. Hobby of the christian connection take a seat with us in this Conference, On motion by Eld John. Williams agr that the com. of arrangements retire and Select out ministers to fill the Stand on friday Report of Com. ordered that Elds John. Williams. and James. I. Hobby preach to the Congregation on Friday. On motion by Eld John. Williams. agr that there be a com. to appointed to examine Bro. Jeſse. Wheeler a Licentiate and ordain him as a Regular Minister of the Freewill Baptis order to which the following Com. was appointed Elds. John. Williams Wm. Byrd and W. F. Hall On motion by Eld James. Turnage agr that Br. Neighbors attend the Stand and take down the texts of the Several Ministers during this Conference and hand them over to the clk. on motion by Eld Wm. Byrd agr that Conference adj until friday morning 10 oclock Prayer by Eld. James. I. Hobby Conference adj until time and place above mentioned

Friday Morning Oct 9th

The Ministers Meſsengers and Delegates met according to adj Praise and Prayer by Eld. John. Williams On motion by Eld Wm. Byrd agr that the name of Bro Jeſse. Wheeler be enrolled on the list of regular ordained Ministers
On motion by Eld John. Williams Res- that the letters from the Several Churches be called for and read Which the following table will exhibit"

Churches	Counties	Names of Delegates	Reclaimed	Received	Baptized	Expelled	Died	Dismissed	Total members	$ cts Contributions
Stonyrun	Cumberland	Hinton. Munns. Wm. Hardison		4	3	..	..	3	71	5.00
Longbranch	Do	not Represented		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fayetteville	Do	Represented by letter		2	.	.	1	.	30	1.50
Shadygrove	Sampson	not Represented		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hornett	Do	not Represented		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethsadia	Harnett	Richd Dixon Levi. Hall		7	10	2			74	5.00
Prospect	Do	J. D. Ryals. L. A. Avera	2	33	18	3		4	126	5.00
Elbethel	Robeson	by Eld John. Williams		5				2	19	1.00
				51	31	5	1	9	322	17.50

On motion by Eld John. Williams agr that the petitions for the next anual Conference be taken up voted that our next anual Conference be held at Elbethel Robeson County N.C. and that it commence On Thursday before the second Sunday in Oct 1858 On motion by Eld John. Williams agr that the Com. of finance retire Settle with the Treasurer and report to Conf

Report

last year in hand	$00 00
This year	17.50
What is now in hand	17.50

Richard. Dixon
Hinton. Munns } Committee of finance

[On motion by Eld John Williams agr that there be a committe of five appointed to examine Wm. Harris a minister of this connection in refference to disorderly conduct On motion by Eld James. Turnage Resol that the following Com be appointed Elds W. F. Hall James. Turnage Brethren Joseph. Taylor Riley Jackson and Thomas. Avera. Serve as Com and report to our next anual Conference On motion by Eld James. Turnage Res- that there be a com appointed to Examine Into the State and Standing of the Ministry. On motion by Eld James. Turnage Resol that Brethren Martin. Byrd Levi. Hall and Wm. Hardison Serve as Com and report to Conference]. Report upon investigation We find all the ministers of this Conference in good Standing in the different Churches to which they belong all of which is respectfully Submited Martin. Byrd
W. Hardison L. Hall } Committe

On motion by Eld W. Byrd Resol that Bro J. D. Ryals do transcribe and prepare the minutes for the press and distribute them to the churches On motion by Eld Jas. Turnage that there be 300 printed and that there be fifty Sent to the Eastern Conference and twenty Sent to the South Carolina. Conference On motion Resol that the Treasurer pay over to Bro J. D. Ryals the money now in hand also that Bro. J. D. Ryals have five Dollars for his Services On motion by Eld Jas. Turnage Res- that W. F. Hall do preach the Introductory Sermon at our next anual Conference an on his failure Eld. James. Turnage On motion by Eld Wm. Byrd agr that the Com. of arrangements retire and Select Ministers to preach On Saturday Reported that Elds Jas. Turnage. W. F. Hall. and Jeſse. Wheeler fill the Stand on Saturday and preach to the attending Congregation On motion by W. F. Hall. there be an Epistolary letter wrote and Sent to the Frewill Bapti Connection composing a Conference held at Mount Meriah Ala. Resolved that Eld James Turnage. Wm. Byrd. and Brethren. James. D. Ryals and E. A. Avera do write this letter On motion by Eld Jas. Turnage agr that Conference adj. until Saturday morning 10. oclock praise and Prayer by Jeſse Wheeler

Saturday Morning Oct 10th

The Ministers Meſsengers and Delegates met according to adj praise and Prayer by Eld W. F. Hall. On motion by Eld John. Williams Res- That There be a Delegate appointed to represent our body in a convention to be held at Some proper point most convenient in order to establish a printing establishment On motion by Eld Wm. Byrd. Resol. that Eld John. Williams be appointed a delegate to represent our body in that Convention, and also that Eld James. Turnage be his alternate On motion by Eld John. Williams Resol. that W. F. Hall be appointed as Delegate to The christian Baptis. Conference and that Eld W. Byrd be his alternate

On motion by Eld. W. Byrd that Bro J. D. Ryals read a circular Letter whic he has in possesion. On motion by Eld John. Williams Res- that this Letter be attached to the minutes On motion by Eld W. Byrd that sum person be appointed to write the next circular Letter On motion by J. D. Ryals that. L. A. Avera do write the next circular Letter On motion by Eld Wm. Byrd Resol that there be two Delegates appointed to attend the Eastern Conference The Com. of arrangments Report that Elds Wm. Byrd. John. Williams. and James. S. Hobby fill the Stand on Sunday and preach to the attending Congregation On motion by Eld John Williams Res- that there be a Com. appointed to keep open a regular Correspondence with the South Carolina Conference and that Eld Jas. Turnage and Wm. Byrd do act as said Committee. On motion by Eld Jas. Turnage Resolved that thanks be tendered to the inhabitants of the surrounding neighborhood for there kindness and Hospitality during this Conference On motion by Eld John. Williams agr that Eld Jas. Turnage Close Conference by praise and Prayer after three Session with Brotherly love and tender affections Conference closed. Saturday Evening Oct 10th 1857.

Eld. Wm. Byrd. Moderator
Eld John. Williams asist Moderator

James. D. Ryals. Clk.
L. A. Avera asist Clk

The following is a list of ministers Belonging to the Cape fear Freewill Baptis annual Conference

	Counties.		
John. Williams.	Robeson cty	Gaddysville	P.O
Gardner. Holmes	Cumberland.	Fayetteville	..
James. Turnage	Harnett	averasbor	P.O
Wm. F. Hall	Johnson	Elevation	P.O
John. Watson	Cumberland	Faytteville	..
Wm. Byrd	Harnett	averasboro	P.O
Jesse. Wheeler	Johnson	Leachburg	P.O

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Under the direction of the com. of arangments the Stage was Supplied and the Congregation Entertained as fallows. Friday Oct 9th 1857 Eld ~~James. S. Hobby~~ James Turnage Introduced divine Servies and preached from 16th Pslam 11th v„ thou will Shew me the path of life in thy presence is fulness of joy at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

after which Eld Wm. F. Hall followed and preached from the Second Epistle general of Peter 3d. ch. 9th. verse the Lord is not Slack conerning his promise as Sum men count Slackneſs but is long Suffering to us ward not willing that any Should perish but that all Should come to repentance Eld Jeſse Wheeler also followed and preached from the gospel according to St Mathew 25th. ch. 10th v. and while they went to buy the bridegroom came and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage and the door was shut

Saturday Oct 10th

Eld James. S Hobby Introduced divine Servies and preached from the 2d Epistle general of Peter 4th ch. 18th v. and if the richeous scarcely be Saved where Shall the ungodly and the Sinner appear after which Eld John Williams followed and preached from the Epistle of Paul the apostle to the galations 5th. ch and 22d. vs. but the fruit of the Spirit is love Joy peace long Suffering gentleneſs goodneſs faith,,

Sunday Oct 11th

Eld Wm. Byrd opened divine Services with praise and Prayer after which Eld John. Williams followed and preached from the gospel according to St Mathew 28th chapt. 19th and 20th vs, go ye therefore and teach all nations Baptising them in the name of the father and of the Son and of the holy ghost teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always Even unto the end of the world amen

after which Eld Jas. S. Hobby followed and preached from Revelations 22d. chapt-12th v. and behold I come quickley and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work Shall there being a large concourse of people aſsembled at the Stand they Sung a farewell Song and all were dismiſsed many rejoicing in hope of meeting each other in the paradise of God

Churches	Counties		annual	Meetings		
Storrum	Cumberland	,,	1st	Sunday	in	Aaugust
Longbranch	Do	,,	2d	Do	,,	Do
Shadygrove	Sampson	,,	3d	Do	,,	Do
Hornett	Do	,,	4th	Do	,,	Do
Bethsadia	Harnett	,,	4th	Do	,,	Do
Prospect	Do	,,	2d	Do	,,	Sept
Elbethel	Robeson	,,	2d	Do	,,	Do

Churches „	Counties		Quarterly Meetings			
Stonyrun	Cumberland	„	1st	Sunday	in	Feb. may. aug. Nov
LongBranch	Do	„	2d	Do	„	Do - Do Do Do
ShadyGrove	Sampson	„	3d	Do	in	March, June, Sept Decemb
Hornett	Do	„	4th	Do	„	Dec, March. June. Sept
Bethsadia	Hornett	„	4th	Do	„	Oct, Jany. Apr. July
Prospect	Do	„	2d	Do	„	Nov. Feb. May. Aug
Elbethel	Robeson	„	1st	Do	„	June. Sept. Decem. March

Dear Brethren in prepareing these Minutes for the preſs I have Endeavored to discharge my duty to the best of my ability and by Examination Should you find any mistakes or misrepresentations connected therewith I trust you will with a heart of tenderneſs and Brotherly affection pardon me So Brethren farewell and the very God of peace Sanctify you wholy and I pray God your whole Sipirit and Soul and body be preserved blameleſs unto the comeing of our Lord Jesus Christ to him be Glory now and forever am

Hornett County N.C. Oct 28th 1857

James. W. Ryals.

4th Seſsion of the Cape Fear freewill Baptis annual Conference

Minutes of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptis annual Conference
held at Elbethel Meeting house Robeson County on the
7th 8th 9th and 11th days of Oct AD. 1858

Thursday Oct 7th 1858

Agreeable to previous appointment the ministers meſsengers and Delegates of the Cape fear Freewill Baptis annual Conference met at Elbethel M. H. Robeson County N.C. at 12 oclock. Eld. W. F. Hall who had ben previously appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon attended and preached from St. John 4th chapter 35th and 36th vs

after which Conference was organized by choosing Eld. W. F. Hall Moderator and Bro Joseph. Warren Aſsist Moderator, Eld Wm Byrd Clk and Bro John H. Collins aſsist Clk. On motion by Eld John Williams agreed that Brothers D. B. Dawson and S. F. Britt serve as a Com. of finance to receive contributions settle with the treasurer and report to Conference

On motion by Eld John Williams agreed that Brothers W. Byrd W. Phillips and Wm C. Miller serve as a Com. of arrangements to supply the stage with ministers to preach to the attending congregation during Conference

On motion by Eld John Williams agreed that Elds. J. W. Hunnicutt. and B. W. Nash from the Grand Council union Baptis of V. A and Bro Owen Jones from the Grand Council Union Baptis of N.C. be invited to take seats in this Conference which invitation they excepted On motion by Eld Jno. Williams Agr. that Eld S. D. Collins of the South Carolina freewill Baptis Conference be invited to take a seat in this conference On motion by Eld James. Turnage agreed that the Com. of arrangements retire and select ministers to preach to the attending congregation on friday On motion by Eld James Turnage agre that Bro Iley Tew. serve as a committee to attend the stage and take down the text of the several ministers and hand them over to the clk.

On motion by Eld John Williams agreed that Conference Adj until friday morning 10 oclock Praise and Prayer
By Eld.

☞ B. W. Nash

Friday Morning Oct 8th

Conference met according to adj. praise and prayer by Eld. James. W. Hunnicutt. On motion by Eld. James. Turnage agreed that Martin Byrd, B.B. Dawson and Wm. C. Miller serve as a com. to examine into the State and Standing of the ministry, On motion by Eld James. Turnage agr that the letters from the several churches be called for and read the number of members and delegates and the amount of contributions are as the following table exhibits

Churches	Counties	Names of Delegates	Received	Baptised	Excommunicated	Died	Dismissed	No of members	Contribution
Stony Run	Cumberland	Riley Jackson; B.B. Holder and Joseph. Warren,	5	8	2	1	"	82	5.00
Long Branch	Do.	Bedford Tew, L. W. Ryals and J. W. Taylor,	8	8	"	"	"	35	2.50
Fayetteville	Do.	not Represented	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Shady Grove	Sampson	J A. Butler, Robt Dawson and Wiley. West,	24	"	"	"	...	24	2.00
Bethsadia	Harnett	Levy Hall, Amos. Norris and Rufus Vann,	9	9	5	1	2	77	5.00
Prospect	Do.	J. D. Ryals J. L. Ryals and W. A. Sykes,	....	...	2	2	3	117	5.00
Elbethel	Robeson	W. C. Miller. W. Phillips and Joseph. Britt.	2	2	1	"	"	20	1 50
Hogswamp	Do.	L. T. Britt. J. C. Collins and J. C. Freeman	34	16	"	"	"	81	2 00
Bethel S.C.	Marion. District	Represented by letter	2	2	"	"	"	15	....
Mt Pleasant	Wake	By the ministers	17	17	"	"	"	17	......

On motion by Eld John. Williams agr. that the church at hog swamp be Recd into this conference. On motion by Eld James. Turnage agr that the church at Bethel S.C. be recd into this conference. On motion by Eld James. Turnage agr that mount. Pleasant in Wake county be Recd, into this conference as an arm of Prospect church Harnett. County. on motion by Eld John. Williams agr that the church at Hornett. Sampson County be discontinued on the minutes of this conference on motion by Eld James. Turnage agr that the com. of finance retire settle with the treasurer and report to Conference

Treasurer's Report

Thomas Avera Treasurer	$
to balance in hand	00 00
To Contributions this year	23 00
now in hand	23 00

David B. Dawson } Comittee
Louis T. Britt } of finance

On motion by Eld. John. Williams agr that the name of Eld. S. D. Collins be enrooled on the list of regular ordained ministers of this Conference On motion by Eld John Williams agr that the report of the com. on the character of Eld Wm. Harris be reed . Eld James. Turnage

Eld Wm. F. Hall
Riley Jackson
Thomas Avera
Joseph. Taylor } Committee

On motion by Eld. John. Williams agr that the name of Eld Wm. Harris be discontinued on the minutes of this Conference that we consider him no longer a minister or a member of the Freewill Baptis of North Carolina. On motion by Eld John Williams agr that the petition for the next Conference be taken up voted that our next Conference be held at Long Branch M. H. Cumberland County. N. C. and that it Commence the same time of other previous Conferences On motion by Eld John. Williams agr. that Elds James. Turnage and Wm. Byrd write a circular letter to be attached to the minutes of this Conference On motion by James. Turnage agr that Wm. Byrd be a Delegate to the next grand Council of union Baptis of V. A. and that Eld James. Turnage accompany him. On motion by Eld Wm. Byrd agr that Elds John Williams S. D. Collins and Wm. Byrd be sent as Delegates to the grand Council of union Baptis of North Carolina On motion by Eld. James. Turnage agr that Eld S. D. Collins preach the introductory sermon at our next anual Conference On motion agr that the com. of arrangements retire and select ministers to occupy the stand on Saturday the com. Report that Elds Wm. Byrd and S. D. Collins and Eld James. M. Hunycutt. preach to the attending congregation and that S. D. Collins close services. on motion by Eld James. Turnage agr that Conference adj. until Saturday morning 10 oclock. prayer by Eld S. D. Collins

Saturday morning Oct 9th

Conference met agreeable to adj praise and prayer by by Eld James. Turnage on motion by Eld James Turnage agr that the com on the state and standing of the ministry hand in there report the following is the report On the character and Standing of the ministry upon investigation we find all the ministers of this conference in good standing in the several churches to which they belong all of which is Respectfully Submited. D. B. Dawson

Martin. Byrd
Wm. C. Miller
Committe

On motion by Eld John Williams agr that there be a committe appointed to examine into the standing of the ministry for the next year on motion by Eld James Turnage agr that Brother Martin Byrd. Wiley. West. and. Wm. C. Miller compose said com On motion by Eld John Williams agr that there be five hundred copys of these minutes printed and that Eld. James Turnage and Wm. Byrd transcribe and prepare them for the press contract with the printer and distribute them to the several churches

On motion agr that there be fifty copys sent to the G. C. union Baptis of N C Seventy five to V. A twenty five to S. C freewill Baptis Conference

On motion by Eld James Turnag agr that Eld. S. D. Collins. and Bro L. T. Britt be appointed Delegates to the freewill Baptis Conference S. C

on motion by Eld. John. Williams agr that the General Treasurer pay over the money in hand to the transcribing Committe on motion by John. Williams that this conference support an Itenerant On motion by Eld John Williams that there be a com. appointed to take the over sight of the Itinerancy within the bounds of the cape fear Conference and that J. A. Butler ,, L. H. Godwin Jr J. S. Neighbors Thos. Avera Joseph Taylor Wm. Phillips J. H. Collins Calvin Moore and Eld. John. Williams Compose said Committe. Report of Itinerant Committe,

We beg leaf to report that we offer to this body Eld. James. Turnage as an Itinerant minister to travel and preach within the bounds of the cape fear Conference and that he have $200.00 for his services all of which we Respectfully Submit

Elder John: Williams. Martin Byrd
J. H. Collins D. B Dawson
Committe

On motion by Eld James Turnage agr that this conference received the christian banner as our christian organ for the preasant On motion by S. D. Collins agr that the thanks of this Conference be extended to the surrounding vicinity for there hospitality and kindness manifested toward us during this conference

on motion by Elder S. D. Collins agr that the thanks of this Conference be tendered to Elder J. W. Hunycutt. B. H. Nash Bro Owen W. Jones for there kindness and assistance during this Conference

On motion by Eld S. D. Collins agr that the transcribing committee be be vested with the power to attar any unfinished business on the minutes On motion by Eld W. Byrd that the thanks of Elders J. W. Hunicutt. B. W. Nash. and Bro Owen. W. Jones be recd by the conference On motion by Eld W. Byrd agr that the com of arrangements retire and select ministers to ocupy the Stage on Sunday Report of Committee ordered that Elders B. W. Nash J. W. Hunnicutt preach and that Eld James Turnage close in his own way On motion by Eld. S. D. Collins agr that Conference adj, until time and place above mentioned.

praise and Prayer by Eld John. Williams

Wm Byrd Clk. — W. F. Hall. Moderator
J H. Collins. assist Clk — Joseph. Warren asst. Moderator

Under the direction of the com. of arrangements the stage was supplied and the congregation entertained as follows Friday Oct 8th

Eld B. W. Nash Introduced divine Service and preached from Jeremiah 6th chapter and 16th verse
Eld James. Turnage followed and preached from the 34th psalm. 14th verse

Saturday Oct 9th

Eld S. D. Collins Introduced divine Service and preached from Revelations 3rd chapter and 20th verse. Eld. J. W. Hunnicutt. followed and preached from St luke 14th chapter and 17th and 23rd verses

Sunday Oct 10th

Eld J. W. Hunnicutt Introduced divine services and preached from 1 St. Cor., 11th chapt. and 31st verse. Eld B. W. Nash followed and preached from Ecclesiastes. 12th chapt. and 13th verse after which the congregation were dismissed Many parted in hope of meeting in a better and brighter world than this.

The following is a list of ministers and preachers belonging to the cape fear Freewill Baptist anual Conference.

1	John. Williams	Robeson. county	Leesville. P. O
2	S. D. Collins	Do Do	Florasville P. O
3	James. Turnage	Harnett cty.	averasboro. P. O
4	W. F. Hall	Johnson cty	Elevation P. O
5	Wm Byrd	Harnett cty.	averasboro P. O
6	Jesse. Wheeler	Johnson cty.	Elevation P. O

	Churches	Counties	annal	Meetings
1	StonyRun	Cumberland	1	Sunday in aug.
2	LongBranch	Do	2	Do ,, Do
3	Shady Grove	Sampson	1	Do ,, Oct
4	Bethsaida	Harnett	4	Do ,, aug
5	Prospect	Do	2	Do ,, Sept
6	Elbethel	Robeson	2	Do Do
7	Hogswamp	Do	2	Do Do
8	Bethel	Marian Dist S.c.	....	....
9	Mt. Pleasant	Wake	3	Do Decem,,

	Churches	Counties		Quarterly		Meetings
1	StonyRun ,,	Cumberland.	1	Sunday	in	Feb. may. aug. Nov
2	LongBranch ,,	Do	3	Do	,,	Do Do Do Do
3	Shady Grove ,,	Sampson	1	Do	,,	Dec,, march,, June. Sept
4	Bethsadia ,,	Harnett.	4	Do	,,	Oct,, Jan. apr ,, July
5	Prospect ,,	Do	2	Do	,,	Nov,, Feb, May aug
6	Elbethel ,,	Robeson	1	Do	,,	June,, Sept. Dec. march
7	Hogswamp ,,	Do	3	Do	,,	Sept. Dec. march ,, June
8	Bethel . Marion	Dist. S.C.	,,	....		....
9	Mt. Pleasant	Wake	3	Do		march. July. Oct. Jan.

Dear Brethren do not be alarmed because you do not find a circular attached to the minutes we have thought it best from various and in transcribing your minutes and preparing them for the press have used diligence in trying to give all the Statements correctly and to do it in a manner that might be Satisfactory to you by nearly following the course pursued by others in preparing the minutes of previous Conferences and may God bless us direct direct us in the good and in the happy way are the wishes and prayers of your unworthy Brothers amen,

James. Turnage
Wm. Byrd
Committee

5th Seſsion of the Cape fear Freewill Baptis anual Conference

Minutes of the Cape fear Freewill Baptis anual Conference
held at Long Branch Meeting house, Cumb. County N.C.
On the 6th 7th 8th and 9th days of Oct AD. 1859

Minutes

Thursday Oct 6th

According to previous appointment the fifth anual Seſsion of the Cape fear Freewill Baptis Conference met at Long Branch M. H. Cumberland County N.C. Eld S. D. Collins who had bin appointed to preach to preach the Introductory Sermon failed to attend at 1 2 oclock divine services was open with singing and prayer by Eld John. Williams after which Eld Jas. Turnage followed and preached from 1st Corrinthians 15th ch. 58th v ..

Conference was then organised by choosing Eld John. Williams moderator and Bro John. A. Butler aſsist Moderator James. D. Ryals clk and. L. H Godwin aſsist clk. On motion Res. that Broths Wiley. West and and James. R. Holder be appointed a com. of finance settle with the Treasurer and report to Conference On motion Res. that Brethren. W. Byrd. Martin Byrd and Joseph. Warren serve as a com. of arrangments to supply the congregation with preachers during this Conference On motion that. B. Lee attend the stand and take down the text. of the several ministers during Conference and hand them over to the clk. On motion Res. that Bro B. W. Nash a corresponding minister. Union. Baptis. of the Grand Council V. A. also Bro Brewton union Baptis of N.C. be invited to seats with us in this Conference which invitation was Excepted On motion Res. that the Com. of arrangements retire for selection of ministers to preach to the attending congregation on friday the com. Report that Elds John. Williams. and B. W. Nash preach to the attending congregation on Friday On motion Res that Conference adj until friday morning 9 oclock Conference adj with sining and prayer by Eld W. B. Nash.

Friday morning Oct 7th

Conference met according to adj and was opened with singing and prayer by Eld Wm. Byrd On motion Res that Broths Martin. Byrd L. H. Godwin and Joseph. Britt. be appointed a com to examine into the state and standing of the ministry. On motion Res that the letters from the several churches be called for and read

Church Statistics

Churches	Counties	Names of Delegates	Recd	Baptized	Expelled	died	Dismissed	No of Members	Contributions
Stony Run	Cumberland	Jos. Warren. H. Sumerlin and Iley Tew	14	14	"	"	20	90	5.00
Long Branch	Cumberland	L. H. Godwin. J. M. Gernigan and E. Godwin	2	2	...	...	...	37	5.00
Shady Grove	Sampson	J. A. Butler. Wm. A. Jackson and M. E. Jackson	18	7	2	...	3	42	3.00
Bethsadia	Harnett	Amos Norris. Henry Moore and Jeſse Wheeler	35	28	2	"	6.	104	4 00
Prospect	Harnett	Martin Byrd. J. W. Ryals and W. H. Laſsiter	2	...	5	5	18	91	4 00
Elbethel	Robeson	Joseph Britt	3	2	...	...	...	23	1 00
Hogswamp	Do.	not Represented	..	..	..	..	..	...	.....
Bethel S.C.	Marion. Dist	By letter	2	2	"	"	2	15	1 00
Mt. Pleasant.	Wake	Matthew Jones. H. Blalock and Stephen Johns	19	13	"	"	"	36	2 00
Pleast. Grove	Harnett.	G. Parker., L. Hall. A. Fowler.	...	...	...	...	...	51	2 25

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On motion Res that the Fayettville Church be discontinued on the minutes of this Conference., On motion Res that the church at Mt. Pleasant Wake cty be Recd into this Conference On motion agr the church at Pleast. Grove be Recd into this Conference On motion agr that the name of Eld S. W. Collins be discontinued on the minutes of this Conference On motion agr that the name of Eld Jeſse Wheeler be discontinued on the minutes of this Conference On motion agr that the com of finance settle with the Treasurer and report to Conference

Committee Report.

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To balance in hand of Thos. Avera. Treasurer	00 00
To Contributions this year	27 25
Amt in hand	27.25

Wiley West., Jas R. Holder
Committee of finance

On motion agr that the name of Bro B. B. Holder be enroled on the minutes as a Licentiate Minister of the Cape fear Conference on motion that the petitions for the next annual Conference be taken up ordered that the next annual Conference be held with the church at Bethsaida Commencing on Thursday before the Second Sabbath in Oct A. D. 1860. On motion that Eld John. Williams preach the Introductory discourse and upon his failure. Eld. Wm. Byrd

Resolved that Eld B. W. Nash preach in the bounds of the Cape fear Conference for the preasant On motion the com of arrangements retire for selection of ministers to preach to the attending congregation on Saturday the com report that that Elds B. W. Nash and James. Turnage occupy the stand and preach on Saturday On motion agr that Brethren W. Byrd. W. F. Hall. John. A. Butler and B. B. Holder be appointed Delegates as corresponding Brethren of the Cape fear Conference to the Eastern part of this State to wit union Baptis of N. C.

On motion agr that Conference adj until Saturday morning 9. oclock

praise and prayer by
Eld B. B. Holder

Saturday Morning Oct 8th

Conference met according to adj and was opened with singing and prayer by Eld. Wm. Byrd. On motion agr that there be 500. copys of these minutes printed 50 copys sent to the Eastern Conference Union. Baptis. 50. copys sent to the Union Baptis Va. also that there be 25 copies sent to the South Carolina Conference Freewill. Baptis On motion agr that this Conference send out an Itinerant minister to preach in and out of the bounds of the Cape fear Conference On motion agr there Eld Wm. Byrd be the one designated and that he be paid $200.00. for his services for the ensuing year. On motion agr that there be one Com. appointed from each church. to receive and pay over the same to the Itinerant preacher. Resolved that the members of this Conference remember Bro Byrd in there prayers On motion agr that there be a Com. of five appointed as an oversight of the Itinerancy in different parts of the connection and that the following compose said Com. James. Turnage Hugh. Blalock. J. A. Butler Calvin Moore. and Wm. Phillips on motion agr that Eld. Wm. Byrd take the Pastoral care of Shady. Grove Church for the ensuing year On motion that Broth James. D. Ryals and. James. Turnage prepare the minutes for the press contract with the printer distribute them to the churches and that the clk have ten dollars for his services On motion agr that the treasurer pay over twenty five dollars to the clerk on motion agr that extend a vote of thanks to this neighborhood for there hospitality

Resol. also that a vote of thanks be extended to Brothers. Nash & Brewton for there kind visitation Com. Report on the state and character of the ministry that they find all the ministers of the Cape fear Conference in good standing Except Eld Gardiner. Holms all of which we respectfully submit

Joseph Britt.
Wiley. West Martin Byrd Committe

On motion Res. that the name of Gardiner. Holms be considered a Subject on the minutes On motion agr that com of arrangements select ministers to entertain the Congregation on Sunday Com Reports that Eld John. Williams. and B. W. Nash occupy the stage on Sunday By request of Bro Nash agr that the proceedings of this Conference be printed in the christian Banner On motion agr that Conference close until time and place above mentioned with praises and prayer by Eld Wm Byrd

James. W. Ryals. Clk
L. H. Godwin assist Clk
John. Williams. Moderator
John A. Butler. assist. Moderator

Under the directions of the Com. of arrangements the stage was supplied and the Congregation entertained as follows

Friday Oct 7th

Eld W. B. Nash introduced devine Service and preached from Matthew, 16th ch 24th and 25th verses

Saturday Oct 8th

Eld W. B. Nash Introduced divine Service and preached from acts of the apostles 21th ch. and 18th verse

Elder James. Tumage followed and preached from hebrews 2rd chapter and 3rd verse.

Sunday Oct 9th

Eld John. Williams introduced divine service and preached from 136th pslam 3rd verse. Eld W. B. Nash followed and preached from Pauls letter to the Ephesians 4th ch. 5th verse

after som appropiate remarks offered by Eld Wm Byrd a large attendance were assembled at the stand they sang a farewell song and the congregation were dismissed parting in sorrow on earth yet rejoicing with bright hopes of meeting again on the shores of Ever lasting rest James. W. Ryals Secretary

The following is a list of Ministers and Preachers
belonging to the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist annual Conference of N.C

1	John. Williams „	Robeson County	Leesville ..	P.O
2	James Turnage	Harnett County	averasboro	P.O
3	Wm „ F. Hall	Johnson County	Elevation	P.O
4	Wm „ Byrd	Harnett. County	averasboro	P.O
Licentiate.	B. B. Holder	Harnett. County	averasboro	P.O

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The following is a statement of anual and quarterly Meetings Cape fear Conference

	Churches	Counties	Anual		Meetings
1	Stony Run	Cumberlam	1	Sunday in	August
2	Long Branch	Do	3	Do „	august
3	Shady Grove	Sampson.	1	Do „	Oct
4	Bethsaida	Harnett	4	Do „	august
5	Prospect	Do	2	Do „	September
6	Elbethel	Robeson	2	Do „	Do
7	Hogswamp	Robeson	3	Do „	Do
8	Bethel Marion Dist				
9	Mt. Pleasant	Wake	3	Do „	Sept
11	Pleast: Grove	Harnett	Do	Do „	Do

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#	Churches	Counties	Quarterly		Meetings
1	Stony Run	Cumberland	2	Sunday. in	Feb. may. aug. Nov.
2	Long Branch	Do	1	Sunday. in	Feb. may. aug. Nov.
3	Shady Grove	Sampson	1	Do „	Dec. march. June. Sept
4	Bethsaida	Harnett	4	Do „	Oct. Jan. apr. July
5	Prospect	Do	2	Do „	Nov. Feb. May. aug
6	Elbethel	Robeson	1	Do „	June. Sept. Dec. March
7	Hogswamp	Do	3	Do „	Sept. Dec. March. June
8	Mt. Pleasant	Wake	3	Do „	Dec. Feb. May. aug
9	Bethel. Marion	Dist S.C.			
11	Pleast. Grove	Harnett	3	Do „	Nov. Feb. May aug

Dear Brethren agreeable to the task which you aſsigned me in prepareing the Minutes for the preſs I have endeavord to discharge that duty with as mutch Care as I poſsibly could. Should there be any mistakes or Items misrepresented I trust you will pardon the same and may God bleſs us and direct us all safe through the journey of life and at last may we all get home to heaven is the affectual prayer of your Brethren,,

James. W. Ryals } Committe
James Turnage }

The proceedings of the General Conference held with the church at Bethsaida. A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty, were never published neither have I ever Recd the manuscrip therefore it will have to be left Blank upon the Record, the Examining Committe will find the record complete So far as I was able to give it, up to the time of the annual Conference held with the church at Mt. Pleasant, Wake county. N.C. A.D. 1861

James. W. Ryals } Secretary.

Minutes of 1860, not recorded.
(See statement above)

Proceedings of the Seventh annual Seſsion of the

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE MINUTES ---- NOTE

There is a hiatus in the minutes of the Cape Fear Conference lasting form 1860-1865. While it is tempting to suppose that conferences were not held in these years because of unsettled political conditions and war, there are no grounds for such a supposition. Extracts from the minutes of the General Conference for those years, published by Harrison and Barfield, indicate that the Cape Fear Conference continued an unbroken succession of sessions. While it is true that there was no exchange of delegations between the Cape Fear and the General Conferences in 1861 and 1862, in both of these years the General Conference ordered that correspondence with the Cape Fear Conference be kept up (new ed. Harrison & Barfield, p. 213-214. In 1863, the Cape Fear Conference sent a delegation to the General Conference (Elders William F. Hall and Parrott Creech), and the General Conference named a delegation of three elders to attend the Cape Fear Conference to be held in 1864 (H. Holmes, H. A. Dixon, and William T. Bilbro._ (New ed. Harrison & Barfield, p. 216.) Again, in 1864, Elder B. B. Holder of the Cape Fear Conference was given a seat in the General Conference (H. & B., p.216), and three delegates were named by the General Conference to attend the 1865 session of the Cape Fear Conference (Elders Joseph Sauls, H. A. Dixon and William May (H. & B., p. 218. There is no Cape Fear Conference delegation named by H. & B. as having attended the 1865 session of the General Conference, but the General Conference of that year named two delegates (Elders Haskell Jones and Benjamin B. Albritton) to attend the 1866 session of the Cape Fear Conference (H. & B., p. 218). The minutes of sessions of the Cape Fear Conference are resumed in the Conference minute book in 1866.

It seems probable that minutes for sessions of the Cape Fear Conference held in 1860-1865 were written out in rough draft in paper booklets or loose sheets, and that something intervened to prevent their transcription in clean (or smooth) form in the record book. It is not beyond the bounds of all possibility that the record of one or more of the sessions held in those years might come to light in the future.

__ George Stevenson, Jr. 2007

NOTE by Gary Fenton Barefoot, Curator, Dec. 2007.

There is a notation in minute book that 1860 minutes were never published nor was draft provided to the recorder. Meeting was held at Bethsaida. There is a brief note of meeting in 1861 at Mt. Pleasant, but minutes are not as complete as usual—no listing of churches, delegates, etc. nor any business transacted.

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Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Session of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Annual Conference held at Mt Pleasant Wake County N.C On the 10th 11th and 12th days of Oct A.D. 1861

Minutes

Thursday Oct. 10th A.D. 1861

According to previous appointment The Seventh Session of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Annual Conference met at Mount Pleasant Church Wake County N.Carolina Eld. Wm. Byrd who had been previously appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon attended and Preached from Pauls 2nd Letter to Timothy 4th Ch. 2nd V. Preach the word be instant in Season and out of Season reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long Suffering and doctrine

The minutes for 1862 - 1865 do not appear in this book, but see note on p. 32 first paragraph. Apparently the Civil War had something to do with the record keeping.

Minutes of the 12th Annual Session of Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference, held at [illegible] Harnett Co. N.C., on the 11th, 12th and 13th days of October [illegible]

Minutes.

Thursday Oct. 11th [illegible]

According to previous appointment, the Ministers and Delegates composing the Twelfth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference met at [illegible] Meeting House, Harnett Co. N.C.

Elder James Turnage, who had been previously appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, attended and preached from 4th Chapter of 1st Corinthians, 2nd verse: "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."

After a recess of twenty minutes, Conference was duly organized by choosing the following officers: Elder James Turnage Moderator; Brother John A. [illegible] Assistant Moderator.

On motion, a Committee of Arrangements was appointed to supply the Stand with Preachers during this Conference.

On motion, Brother Riley [illegible] was appointed Assistant Secretary for the present Conference.

On motion, Elders James Turnage, Wm. J. Hall and [illegible] were appointed a Committee on the Ministry for 12 months to examine Candidates.

On motion Bro. Benjamin Godwin was appointed Standing Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Thomas Avera.

On motion of Elder B. R. Holder, Brethren W. A. Taylor and [illegible] were appointed a Committee of Finance, to receive contributions, settle with the Treasurer and report to Confe

On motion of Elder P. Creech, the Church at [illegible] School House was received into this Conference. The Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship.

On motion of Eld. B. R. Holder, Conference agreed to meet each day at [illegible] o'clock.

On motion of Eld. Wm. Byrd, the Committee of [illegible] handed in their Report.

Report of the Committee of [illegible]

That Elders W. J. Hall and [illegible] preach to the [illegible] congregation on [illegible] until tomorrow 10 o'clock. [illegible] by [illegible].

Friday October 12.

Conference met according to adjournment. [illegible]

Prayer by Eld. James [illegible].

On motion of Brother H. H. [illegible] the Church Letters were called for and read.

Table of Church Statistics.

Churches	Counties	Names of Delegates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Total of Members	Contributions
Stony Run	Cumberland	Wm. J. [illegible]				1		64	2.00
[illegible]	"	L. H. [illegible]			2	2		76	1.50
Bethsaida	Harnett	(C. A. Bensley, W. [illegible], J. Morgan) for Prospect		1	2			89	
Prospect	"		22		4	1	2	75	3.00
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	[illegible]	3		1	1	2	85	2.57
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	[illegible]	8	6				76	1.00
Savannah	Johnson	W. R. Holmes, J. M. Hudson							1.00
Shady Grove	Sampson	[illegible] West, Wm. Dawson, W. A. Jackson				3		45	2.00
Black Creek	Johnston	E. Adams, C. Temple, W. Canady	1			1	4	29	
Middle Creek	"	Jas. Cobb[illegible], Jno. [illegible], J. E. Dunn	16	13				25	2.00
Little River	Cumberland								
Carver's Creek	"							9	
St. Mary's Grove	[illegible]							22	
[illegible]	"	[illegible]			1		2	21	
[illegible] Grove	Sampson	W. A. Taylor, G. W. Taylor, J. W. [illegible]	21	[illegible]	4			57	1.00
[illegible]	Harnett							10	
~~On motion~~								683	

On motion, Eld. Wm. [illegible], H. H. [illegible] and C. A. Bensley were appointed a Committee to draft resolutions in regard to the death of Brother Thomas Avera, our General Treasurer.

On motion of J. S. Neighbors, Elders B. [illegible], [illegible] W. S. [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] were appointed a Committee to examine the records of the several Conferences and report to this Conference.

On motion, Resolved, That [illegible] as [illegible] commencing with this session.

On motion of Elder B. B. [illegible] all the officers of this Conference shall be [illegible]

On motion [illegible], [illegible] were [illegible]

[illegible]

held with the Church at Piney Grove, Sampson County N.C. [illegible] of [illegible]
North west of Clinton,) commencing Thursday before the [illegible]
Sabbath in October 1867.

On motion agreed that [illegible] copies of the Minutes be [illegible]
and 1 [illegible] copies sent to the North Carolina [illegible]

On motion Elders Wm. Boyd, [illegible] and J. S. [illegible]
to the South Carolina Conference

On motion, Elder Wm. Boyd was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon. Elder P. Creech his alternate.

Report of the Committee of Arrangements.

That Elders [illegible] and [illegible] preach to the [illegible] congregation on Saturday.

On motion, Conference adjourned until Saturday morning 10 o'clock. Praise and prayer by Elder Wm. Boyd.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 13.

Conference met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder P. Creech.

On motion, the Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, That the report of the Ministers of their ministerial labors be received and recorded.

On motion, Resolved That the Committee on the State and Standing of the Ministry hand in their report.

Report of the Committee on the State and Standing of the Ministry

We the undersigned Committee, beg leave to report the following That we find the Ministers who belong to this Conference in good standing. Respectfully submitted [illegible]

John S. Neighbors
Jos. Warren
H. H. Draughon
C. R. Beasley
Committee.

On motion the preamble and resolutions in regard to the death of Brother Thomas Avera were received:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in the [illegible] of His Providence, to remove from us our beloved and [illegible] esteemed Brother Thomas Avera who for the last eleven years discharged faithfully the duties of General Treasurer of the Cape Fear Conference. Therefore be it

Resolved 1st That we [illegible]
[illegible]

Resolved, 2d, That while our departed brother is no more among us, to assist in [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] upon the [illegible] we endeavor to [illegible] his example [illegible] faithfully discharging our duties [illegible].

Resolved 3d That in his death the Church has lost a zealous member; the State a peaceable, quiet and law-abiding citizen; his family a [illegible] father and affectionate husband.

Resolved 4th That we deeply sympathize with the unfortunate family in their bereavement, and while we believe their loss is his eternal gain, we will bow with humble resignation to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, 5th, That these resolutions be spread upon the face of the Minutes of the present Conference, and that a copy of them be sent to the bereaved family of our departed brother.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. [illegible]
Wm. [illegible]
T. T. [illegible]
Committee.

The following resolution was offered by Brother [illegible] [illegible] and adopted.

✓ Resolved; That our congregations [illegible] [illegible] before the fourth Sunday in January and July, 1867 as days of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

The following resolution was offered by Eld. [illegible] and adopted:

✓ [Resolved that any member having been expelled from any Church in our connection shall not become a member again until he has given the Church full satisfaction of which he was formerly a member.]

On motion of Eld. H. T. Hall the Examining Committee on the Records, was requested to hand in their report.

Report of Committee on the Records.

We, your Committee appointed to examine the General Records beg leave to report: That we have carefully examined the same and find all things properly recorded up to the ninth Session held at Mt. Pleasant, Wake County. The Book [illegible] time was kept in a business-like manner, with the exception of the sixth Session held with the Church at Bethsaida, [illegible] County, of which we find no record. The Minutes of that Session were not published and the committee [illegible] could make no entry thereof. Respectfully [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

for six years past, including the present Session, and [illegible] Conference pay [illegible] for his services.

The following Preamble and Resolutions respecting the colored members of our connection being allowed to preach [illegible] were offered by Bro. B. B. Holder and adopted:

Whereas the political condition of the colored members of our
✓ connection has been changed — they having formerly been slaves and deprived of the privilege of preaching the Gospel, but now declared free by the authority of the United States, and are no longer to be deprived of such a privilege: And whereas some of them having applied to this Conference for legal [illegible] thereby. Therefore be it

✓ Resolved, 1st, That if any colored member of our connection shall feel himself called to take upon himself the gospel ministry, he shall have the liberty to apply to the Church of which he is a member, and if the Church on examination should find him worthy, may grant him license to exhort among his own color.

Resolved 2nd, That if the licentiate shall prove sound in faith and doctrine and shall promise usefulness in the cause, then the Pastor may, by the request of the Church, proceed to an ordained examination, and if the examination is found satisfactory, may ordain him to preach the Gospel, administer the ordinances, receive members, raise up Churches of their own color, to be held under the jurisdiction of this Conference and governed by the same discipline.

Resolved, 3rd, That the Conference appoint a Committee of three Ministers to visit said Churches, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the statistics of said Churches and report to this Conference annually.

Resolved 4th, That such Churches shall be represented in this Annual Conference by the Committee having the oversight of them and enrolled on our Minutes as the African Freewill Baptist Church.

On motion, Elders J. [illegible], Wm. Byrd and James Turnage were appointed a Committee to have the oversight of the colored Churches.

On motion of [illegible], the Secretary was allowed [illegible] Dollars for transcribing and preparing the Minutes for the press and distributing the same.

The Committee of [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

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[illegible] to defray the expenses of the Minutes [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] for their hospitality and kindness.

The [illegible] Conference adjourned [illegible] time and place [illegible]

[illegible] hymn and prayer by Eld. Wm. Byrd. Jas. Turnage, Mod.
H. H. Draughon Secretary. [illegible] Ass't Sec.

Ordained Ministers.

1	James Turnage	Averasboro	Harnett Co.	F.W.
2	W. F. Hall	Elevation	Johnston	
3	[illegible]	Averasboro	Harnett	"
4	B. B. Holder	Leachburg	Johnston	"
5	Parrott Creech	Elevation	"	"
6	A. Fowler	Averasboro	Harnett	"
7	Isaac Wheeler	Elevation	Johnston	"

At the Stage.

Friday, Oct. 12, Elder I. Wheeler introduced divine services, and preached from Matt. 25 chapt. 4[illegible]
Elder W. F. Hall followed and preached from 1 Tim. 4 ch. 16 verse: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them" &c.
Saturday, Oct. 13, Elder A. Fowler introduced divine services, and preached from St. John 14th chapt. and part of 6th verse: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father" &c.
Eld. B. B. Holder followed and preached from Matt. 7 chapt. 13 & 14 v.
Sunday, Oct. 14, Elder Wm. Byrd introduced divine services and preached from St. John 3: 16. "For God so loved the world" &c.
Eld. P. Creech followed and preached from Ezekiel [illegible].
Eld. Jas. Turnage closed by prayer and singing, and the congregation was dismissed.

Dear Brethren: As some of the Clerks of the several Churches failed to give the time of their Annual and Quarterly Meetings, I am [illegible] to give the time both of those; therefore they are omitted.
I would suggest to the Clerks that it would be well to give the days both of the Annual and Quarterly Meetings in order to enable the Secretary to make out a time table [illegible] each Conference. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Up to the present no record of the Conferences from 1859 to 1868 has been found. The oldest document which I have been able to procure is that of 1868. The minutes of [illegible] Conference are given in full.

See page 406 of this book for minutes for 1867
W.A.G. 1917

Minutes of Fourteenth Annual Conference.

"Thursday, Oct. 8th, 1868.

According to previous appointment, the Ministers and Delegates composing the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference, met at Laurel Chapel, Johnston County, N.C. The Minister and his alternate, who were appointed by the last Conference to preach the introductory sermon being absent, Elder P. Creech was called upon and preached from the 29th verse, 25th chapter of Matthew: For unto every one that hath shall be given and he shall have abundance, but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he has.

After which time he opened Conference, and he being chosen Moderator, Conference proceeded to business by calling brother J. G. Lancaster to his assistance

On motion, brother E. A. Vaughan was elected general Secretary for two years and J. B. Dunn his assistant.

On motion, a committee of arrangements was appointed to supply the Stand with a Preacher during this Conference. Bros. [illegible] J. A. [illegible] and Wiley West composed said committee.

The committee of arrangements report: That Elder A. [illegible] and Bro. Elisha Wallis to preach to the attending congregation on Friday.

On motion, Bro. Agrippa Rube was appointed to attend the Stand and take down the Texts.

Conference adjourned until Friday morning 10 o'clock.

Praise and prayer by Eld. J. Wheeler.

Friday, Oct. 9.

Conference met according to adjournment.

Praise and prayer by Eld. A. Fowler.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. Elisha Wallis, Elders P. Creech, A. Fowler and J. Turnage were appointed a committee for the ensuing year to examine Licentiates.

On motion, Elder Vance of the Missionary Baptists was invited to take a seat in this Conference.

On motion of Bro. [illegible], the Church recently organized by Eld. [illegible] by Eld. P. Creech was received in this Conference.

On motion of Bro. Elisha Wallis [illegible] Allen was appo[illegible] general Treasurer of this Conference.

On motion of Bro Elisha Wallis, Bros. Wiley West, Nicholas Jordan and Alex. Gregory were appointed a committee of Finance.
On motion of Elder [illegible] the Church letters were called for and read

Table of Church Statistics.

Churches	County	Names of Delegates	Received	Baptized	Expelled	Died	Dismissed	No. Members	Contribution
Prospect	Harnett	C. R. Beasley, John C. Ford	6	8	5	2	4	57	3.00
Stony Fork	Johnston	S. Allen R. A. Barber	9	9			1	30	1.50
Long Branch	Cumberland	J. C. Draughon, J. J. Lee & R. Draughon			1	1		68	2.00
Little River									
Carvers Creek									
Bethsaida	Harnett	J. G. Rainer, J. S. Neighbors & B. Holmes	12	8				110	5.00
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	Isaac King, J. Pegram			1	1		80	4.00
Pate S. H.	Harnett	Alex Gregory, J. H. Davis	1					11	1.00
Pleasant Grove	"	R. J. Norris, J. W. Lucas	1			2		63	
Shady Grove	Sampson	W. West, O. W. Hargrove	3	4	3	1		85	2.00
Black Creek	Johnston	J. Moore, W. H. Canady & C. Tennille							1.50
Lane's Chapel	"	J. B. Dunn, J. A. Ford & J. Corbett			2			24	2.00
Stony Run	Cumberland	J. Warren, K. Kennedy	1					62	2.90
Savannah	Johnston								
St. Mary's Grove	"	J. Cordell, H. Barber					1	21	1.00
Antioch	"	W. N. Jordan, J. B. Jernigan						11	1.00
								619	26.90

On motion the name of the church at Pate S. H. was altered to that of Union Shrines

On motion, Resolved that the several churches receive Minutes according to their contributions.

On motion. Resolved That 350 copies of the Minutes be printed and 50 copies be sent N. C. Freewill Baptist Conference.

On motion Resolved That the reports of the ministerial labors of the Ministers be received.

Report of Elder P. Creech Ministerial Labors.

Number of sermons preached	76
Prayer meetings and S. S. Lectures	10
Pastoral visits	29
Number members received	17
Number baptized	14

Amount of contribution received, from no

From brother Thomas Allen	$5.00
Ezekiel Creech	5.00
Sister Thomas Allen 3 yds. jeans cloth	
Total amount	$11.00

Report of Elder J. Wheeler

Number of sermons	42
Prayer-meetings	8
Number received	2
Pastoral visits	27
Amount of contribution received from Pleasant Grove Church	$9.75
Laurel Chapel Church	4.50
Total	$14.25

Report of Elder Turrage.

Number of sermons	88
Prayer-meetings and S.S. Lectures	6
Members received	21
Baptized	14
Amount of contribution received	
From George Dinning	$1.00
James Rainer jr	2.75
Edwin Godwin	5.00
James G. Rainer	5.00
Daniel Moore	2.20
Erasmus Lee	2.00
Lemuel Lee	5.00
Joseph Taylor	5.00
James Draughon	1.75
H. Draughon	2.60
R. A. Draughon	1.75
Dr. J.S. Neighbors	5.00
William Godwin	1.00
David Godwin	.75
From the church at Prospect	8.80
Total	$48.80

Report of Elder Allen Fowler

Number of sermons	26
Prayer-meetings	4
Contribution received from Bro. Wiley [illegible]	$5.85
William Bass	1.00
Hillery Bass	1.00
W. Gattison	2.00
Alvin [illegible]	1.00
Total	$11.60

Report of Bro. Elisha Wallis

Number of sermons	33
Prayer-meetings	16

Report of Elder B. B. Holder.

Number of sermons	88
Prayer-meetings	17
Sabbath School Lectures	4
Pastoral visits	6
Number of members received	75
Baptized	25

On motion Resolved That the Moderator appoint a committee of three to examine into the character and influence of the Ministers of this Conference and report to the same

Bros. Wiley West, Dr. J. S. Neighbors and A. G. Hill composed said Committee.

On motion, Resolved, That the committee of arrangements retire and report who shall preach tomorrow.

Committee report that Elders James Turnage and J. M. Byrd preach tomorrow.

On motion, Conference adjourned until Saturday morning 11 o'clock.

Praise and prayer by Elder Weaver.

Saturday morning, Oct. 10th

Conference met according to adjournment.

Praise and prayer by ——

On motion of Elder Turnage, that Elder J. M. Byrd's name be erased from our Minutes.

✓ [On motion, the Moderator appointed a committee to confer with Bro. Byrd and hand over his credentials to said committee. Committee composed of Elders Turnage and Fowler.]

On motion of Elder Turnage, that the Ministers of this Conference make a report of their ministerial labors, and amount of contributions, and from whom received, to the Annual Conference, and the Secretaries of said Conference to the General Conference.

On motion of Elder Turnage that the Moderator appoint a committee of two to enquire into the usefulness of Bro. D. C. Young and request him to report to some of our Annual Conferences.

Said committee composed of Elder A. Fowler and Bro. Wiley West.

On motion of Elder James Turnage that this Conference grant Eld. A. Wheeler new Credentials, and that they be assigned by the examining committee of this Conference.

On motion of Eld Turnage that the name of Bro. [illegible] be enrolled on our Minutes as a Licentiate.

On motion the name of J. M. Lingard be enrolled as a Licen[illegible]

On motion that the receipts of the General Secretary be received.

On motion Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock this evening.

Saturday 2 o'clock [illegible]

On motion of — the report of the committee on Finance was received. Money on hand $26.90. from the African Churches $2.17.

On motion of Elder Turnage the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved 1st. That article the 1st of the Constitution of the Free-will Baptist of the Cape Fear Conference of North Carolina, be so amended as to allow us to hold one general Conference once in two years.

Resolved 2ndly. That this Conference be [divided] into four yearly Conferences.

Resolved 3rdly. That the yearly Conferences shall be composed of Lay Delegates from each Church in its bounds; and all the Ministers of the Cape Fear Conference shall be under obligations to attend each yearly Conference.

Resolved 4thly. That all the business that is now transacted in the general Conference shall be transacted in yearly Conferences.

Resolved 5thly. That all the business transacted in the yearly Conferences shall be amenable to the general Conference.

Resolved 6thly. That the Conferences shall be composed of all the Ministers belonging to Cape Fear Conference and Lay Delegates from each yearly Conference.

The yearly Conferences shall be composed of the following Districts:

1st District, composed of the following Churches:—
Prospect, Pleasant Grove, Little River and Carver's Creek.

2nd District.—Stony Run, Savannah, Long Branch, Shady Grove and Piney Green.

3rd District.—Mt. Pleasant, St. Mary's Grove, Union Springs and Bethsaida.—

4th District.—Laurel Chapel, Stony Fork, Black Creek and Antioch.

The first yearly meeting to be held in the first District with the Church at Pleasant Grove, commencing Friday before the 1st Lord's day in August 1869. The introductory to be preached by Elder [illegible]. 2nd District, commencing Friday on [before] 2nd Lord's day in August, with the Church at Shady Grove. Introductory to be preached by Elder James Turnage. 3rd District, with the Church at Mt. Pleasant, commencing on Friday before the 1st Lord's day in Sept. 1869. Elder J. Turnage preaches the Introductory. 4th District, with the Church at Stony Fork, Commencing on Friday before 4th Lord's day in Oct. 1869. Introductory by Elder J. Whiler.

On motion the report of the committee on the standing of the

Ministers be received.

We, the undersigned committee beg leave to report that we find all the Ministers of our Conference in good standing.

Wiley West
Dr. J. S. Neighbors } Committee
A. G. Hill

On motion that the next general Conference be held with the Church at Mt. Pleasant, Wake County, N.C. on Thursday before 2nd Sabbath in October 1875. Introductory by Elder James Turnage.

On motion, that the thanks of this Conference be tendered to this neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality during this Session.

On motion, that this Conference adjourn

Praise and prayer by Elder A. Fowler.

Services at the Stage.

Friday, Oct. 9th.

[illegible] [illegible] Wallis introduced services and preached from St. Mark, 6th chapter 12th verse: "And they went out and preached that men should repent."

Elder A. Fowler ~~preached~~ followed, and preached from St. John, 19th chapter 4th verse: "Behold I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him."

Saturday, Oct. 10th

Elder J. A. ~~James~~ Turnage introduced and preached from Revelations, 14th chapter 13th verse: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them"

Sunday, Oct. 11th.

Elder P. Creech, introduced service, and preached from Genesis, 3rd chapter 9th verse: "And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou."

Elder ~~Weaver~~ Moore followed and preached from Romans, 5th chapter 11th verse: "And, not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ by whom we have now received the atonement."

After which, the congregation was dismissed.

Benediction delivered by Elder J. A. ~~James~~ Turnage

Names and Post-Offices of Ordained Ministers.

1	James O. Young	[illegible] N.C.
2	P. Creech,	Elevation N.C.
3	(Elder) B.B. Holder,	Bushville, Ala.
4	(Elder) W. F. Hall,	Clinton, N.C
5	Elder, A. Fowler,	Averasboro N.C
6	Elder Isaac Wheeler,	Elevation N.C.
7	Eld. Elisha Harris,	Smithfield, N.C.

Licentiates.

M. Byrd, J. M. Byrd, E. O. Young, R. [illegible]

Appendix.

Statistics of the African Church, (Free Will Baptists.)

Piny Grove Church	42 members
Green's Chapel	52 members
Zion Wall	
Mt. Pisgah, and Flat Branch	

All of the above churches in Cumberland County North Carolina.

The amount of contribution from said Churches $2.[illegible]

Names of Ordained Ministers.

Elders Isaac McNeil and Richard Smith.

Ministerial Labors of Richard Smith.

Number of sermons	56
Members received	
Baptised	28
Prayer-meetings,	10
Pastoral visits	2

Amount of contribution received $15.00

✓ [The general Conference was called to meet with the [illegible] Pleasant Grove, Harnett County, N.C. on Saturday the [illegible] of [illegible] 1868, to investigate certain reports that were being circulated on Elder Isaac McNeil and Richard Smith.]

Conference opened by its Moderator. [illegible] was elected Secretary. pro tem.

A committee of four was appointed to investigate said reports.

We the committee beg leave to report as follows:

That the charges against Elder Richard Smith are unfounded; [illegible] and that Elder Isaac McNeil is justified in [illegible]

[illegible]

Elder James [illegible]
Elder H. [illegible]
[illegible] } Committee.

Conference closed. Praise and prayer by Elder J. Turnage.

R. A. Draughon, Secretary.

Brethren, I have done the best ~~I could~~ in transcribing and preparing the Minutes I could under the circumstances. I have delayed having them printed in order to have the proceedings of the called Conference in them; I hope you will get them in time to give satisfaction. You will see that I have not given the number of members in all of the African Churches for want of the proper information, as their Church letters did not give the number of members.

Brethren, pray for the prosperity of Zion, that she may be watered with the dews from Heaven. May the Lord pour out his Spirit on the children of men, that our reports this year may double that of last.

Finally brethren, be perfect be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of peace and love shall delight to dwell with and bless you.

Parrot Creech, Moderator.

Note — I have recently had printed the Discipline of our Church, which the brethren can obtain from me at 15 cents each P. C. —

First Biennial Session

According to arrangements made at the Previous Annual Meeting of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference the ministers, messengers and delegates, composing the First Biennial Session of said Conference, met with the Church at Mt. Pleasant, Wake County, N.C. October 6th, 1870.

Thursday, October 6th, 1870.

Elder James Turnage, being previously appointed, attended and preached the Introductory Sermon from Romans v; 6: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

After this, Conference was duly organized by electing Eld. Jas Turnage, General Moderator for the next Biennial Term; Wiley West being elected Assistant; B. W. Lee, Secretary; N. L. Barnes Assistant, and J. G. Rainer, Treasurer.

On motion, the moderator made the following appointments:

A. G. Hill, J. G. Rainer, and W. H. Barber, as Committee of Arrangements viz: to supply the stand with preachers, and to preserve order during the session; J. R. Jernigan, W. E. Bass, A. C. Hill, Committee of Finance.

On motion Conference endorsed the prior appointments of Ordaining Committee, viz: Elders James Turnage, [illegible] Creech and A. Fowler.

Appointed by the moderator, Elders P. Creech, A. Fowler and R. A. Johnson, Bros. J. G. Rainer, jr. J. W. Lucas, Wiley West, R. A. [illegible] and W. R. Holmes, as a Committee for the organization and supervision of Sabbath schools throughout the connection.

Also appointed by the moderator, Elders P. Creech and R. [illegible] and Brother J. W. Lucas as Corresponding Committee.

On motion, Conference adjourn until Friday, 10 o'clock, A.M. Closing services conducted by Eld. A. Fowler.

Friday, October 7th, 1870.

Conference met at ten A.M. per prior adjournment; called to prayer by Elder R. A. Johnson.

On motion the proceedings of Thursday, having been read, were approved.

On motion Johnston Union Church was accepted by and her delegate received as a member of this Conference.

On motion the churches Judson and Bethsarda, reared in

South-Eastern Alabama by Eld. B. B. Holder, were received into this Conference, and Elder B. B. Holder, with J. W. Lucas, was sent as missionaries to those churches, and, for the promulgation of Christ's cause during the next biennial term.

On motion, the letters from the several churches composing said Conference were called for, and presented the following:

Churches Statistics, &c.

	Churches	County	Delegates	Received	Baptized	Expelled	Dismissed	Died	Members	Amt. Contribution
1	Prospect	Harnett								$1.50
2	Bethsaida	Harnett	J. G. Rainer, A. Norris, D. Moore	10	4	6			108	4.00
3	Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Wm. F. Weaver	17	17			1	78	3.00
4	Long Branch	Cumberland	B. W. Lee, H. H. Draughon							1.50
	Stony Run	Cumberland	Not represented							
	Little River	"	"							
7	Carver's Creek	"								
	Shady Grove	Sampson	W. West, W. E. Bass	22	18	1	3	1	61	2.50
9	Piney Green	"	Not Represented							
	Stony Fork	Johnston	E. Adams, W. H. Barber				1	1	46	2.50
	Laurel Chapel	"	W. H. Forde, A. Pearce	1	13	2	1		38	2.00
	Savannah	"	No delegate							
	Union Spring	Harnett	J. A. Lee, S. Davis	1		3	2		15	1.40
	Antioch	Johnston	W. N. Jordan, J. B. Jernigan	6	5	1		1	16	2.00
	St. Mary's Grove	"	Rep. by Elder Johnson	4		1			26	1.00
	Johnston Union		N. L. Barnes							1.00
	Mt. Pleasant	Wake	A. G. Hill, J. Jolly			3		1	55	3.00

Alabama Mission.

Bethsaida and Judson, Barbour County, represented by Elder B. B. Holder as follows:

	Recd.	Baptized	Died	Members	Contri
Bethsaida	51	38	3	48	$2.00
Judson	26	26		26	2.00

On motion, the ministerial committee was required to report the standing &c. of the ministry.

Report of the above named Committee.

We, the committee upon the standing &c, of the ministry, respectfully submit the following, viz: We find the ministers of this Conference in good standing.

Respectfully submitted, A. G. Hill,
Wiley West } Com.

On motion, the ministers belonging to this Conference were requested to report their labors &c. for the past biennial term.

Reports of Elders and Licentiates.

Elder James Furnage reports for the years 1869 and 1870, Sermons 154; Lectures on Sabbath schools 3; Pastoral visits 1[illegible]: Members received 40; Baptized 40; and Contributions received $113.00

Elder Allen Fowler reports: Sermons 55; Members received 24; Baptized 15; and Contribution $36.55

Elder Parrot Creech reports: Sermons 174 and Contribution $2[illegible]

Elder Elisha Wallace reports: Sermons 137 and Contribution $7.25

Elder R. A. Johnson reports: Sermons 113

Elders Creech, Wallace and Johnson report; members received 108 Baptized

Elder Isaac Wheeler reports: Sermons, 51; Prayer-Meetings 10; Members received 7; Baptized 5; and Contribution, 13.00

Elder Barnd B. Holder reports: Sermons 159, Prayer-meetings 60; Sabbath school Lectures 25; Pastoral visits 10; Members received 44; Baptized 39, and Contributions $203.75

James W. Lucas reports: Exhortations & Prayer-meetings, 64, and Lectures on Sabbath School and Temperance, 25.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet Saturday, ten A.M. Closing exercises conducted by the Moderator.

Saturday, October 8th, 1870.

At ten o'clock, A.M., the ministers, delegates, &c., resumed their seats in Conference. Called to order by the moderator.

On motion, the proceedings of Friday having been read, were approved.

On motion, Certificates from the Conference were granted Elder B. B. Holder and J. W. Lucas, Missionaries to Alabama.

On motion, the Conference ordered that the name of D. C. Young should be erased from the minutes as a licentiate.

On motion, the ministerial committee was discharged, and the churches, belonging to the Conference, requested to report the character of ministers, presiding over them as pastors.

Resolutions of the Conference.

Resolved, 1st. That districts, first and second, unite in one annual Conference, the first session of which will be held with the Church at Long Branch, Cumberland County, Commencing Friday before the second Sabbath in August, 1871.

Resolved, 2nd, That districts third and fourth unite in one Annual Conference; the first session of which will be held with be holden at Union Springs, Johnston County, commencing Friday before fourth Sunday in September, 1871.

Resolved, 3rd, That the annual conferences be requested to represent all business transacted by them in the next Biennial Conference.

Resolved, 4. That Friday after each Biennial Conference be observed throughout the connection as a day of fasting and prayer for the promotion of Christ's kingdom on earth.

Resolved, 5th, That the next session of this Biennial Conference be held with the church at Pleasant Grove, Harnett County, commencing Thursday before second Lord's day in October, 1872.
Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Parrot Creech.
(Pleasant Grove is situated of Averasboro and Smithfield road, two miles east of Averasboro.)

Resolved, 6th, That there be printed four hundred copies of the proceedings of this Conference, and that these be distributed according to the contribution.

On motion, Eld. Jas. Turnage was appointed to transcribe those proceedings and prepare them for the press, for which he receives fifteen dollars.

On motion, the Committee of Finance was requested to settle with the general Treasurer.

On motion, the Treasurer was requested to pay over to the transcriber all funds in hand.

Transcriber receives from the Treasurer twenty seven dollars and ninety cents.

On motion, the Conference gratefully acknowledged the kindness and hospitality of the brethren and friends in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant during the session.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet again at the time and place before mentioned.

Closing exercises conducted by Eld. B. B. Holder.

B. W. Lee, Secretary
N. L. Barnes, Asst.

James Turnage, Moderator
Wiley West, Asst

Services at the Stage.

Committee of Arrangements report the following:

Friday, Oct. 7th, 1870.

Elder A. Fowler introduced divine service, and preached from John 13:17: "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."
D. W. Few protracted services by preaching from Luke 23:34. "Then said Jesus: Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Saturday, Oct. 8th, 1870.

James W. Lucas introduced the services of the day by an exhortation and comment on Matthew 25:14-30. "The parable of the talents." After an intermission, Elder R. A. Johnson preached from —

Sunday, October 9th, 1870.

Elder B. B. Holder introduced services and preached from Ezekiel 1:26-28. "And above the firmament that was over their heads, was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above it," &c. Eld. James Turnage protracted the services by preaching from John 10:9. "I am the door; by me if any man enter in he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." He also gave the closing exhortation &c.

List of Ordained Preachers, with their Address.

James Turnage,	Averasboro,	Harnett Co.,	N.C.
Allen Fowler	"	"	" "
B. B. Holder,	Old Columbia		Ala.
Parrot Creech,	Clayton,		N. C.
Isaac Wheeler,	Elevation.	Johnston County.	"
R. A. Johnston,	Clayton		"
Elisha Wallace	Hookerton		"

Licentiates.

Martin Byrd.	Averasboro.	N. C.
Jesse M. Byrd	"	"
Daniel W. Few.	Dismal	"
James W. Lucas	Lawrenceville	Al.

E. C. E.

The Preachers, Officers and Delegates composing the Second Biennial Conference of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist
✓ Connexion, met with the Church at Pleasant Grove, Harnett County, N.C., on Thursday, October 10th, 1872.

Proceedings.

Thursday, 11 o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises were introduced by Elder Parrot Creech, who delivered an Introductory Sermon from 1 Timothy 3:16. "And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness"

After sermon Elder James Purnage, the former Moderator presided until the name of Eld. Creech was proposed and he elected Moderator for the next biennial term.

Conference was organized by appointing J. Wilson Lucas Secretary, Erasmus Lee, Assistant Moderator, and W. A. Jackson, Assistant Secretary, and enrolling the names of those present who composed the Conference which was as follows:

Elders James Purnage, Parrot Creech, Allen Fowler, and Isaac Wheeler; Licentiates, J. Wilson Lucas; Delegates: 1st district, J. C. Sorrell, W. H. Canady, E. Lee, Erasmus Lee, 2nd district, A. W. Avera, A. G. Hill, Jas. Kayner, K. M. C. Beasley, Alex. Gregory.

The Moderator, being authorized by Conference made the following Announcement:

Committee on Preaching during present session, K. M. C. Beasley, J. C. Sorrell, and A. G. Hill.

Committee of Finance, A. W. Avera, B. Lee, and Jas. Kayner. General Treasurer of the Connexion, A. G. Hill.

Secretary receives and reads out report of Committee on preaching, as follows: "Elders Fowler and Wheeler are requested to preach to attending congregation on tomorrow."

On motion, Conference adjourned until tomorrow 10 o'clock A. M. Devotional services conducted by Eld. A. Fowler.

Friday, October 11th.

10½ A. M. Conference called to order by the Moderator. Devotional services conducted by Eld. R. A. Johnson. Roll is called by the Secretary and the following names are enrolled: Eld. R. A. Johnson. 1st district, W. A. Jackson, W. E. Ware, Joseph Warren, Wm. Fowler. 2nd district, W. A. Ford, [illegible] and E. A. Whitten.

Proceedings of Thursday morning read and approved.

On motion, Elders Creech, Turnage and Fowler were named appointed Ordaining Council for [illegible] the Connexion.

On motion, the Secretary, having received returns from the Q. Meetings was requested to read the same.

These were approved and recorded. (See Addendum.)

On motion, the Conference authorized the transcriber to receive and record in the returns the statistics of Long Branch Church given at the sitting of this Conference.

On motion, the delegates from 2nd district were allowed to retire ten minutes to consult relative to contributions from their district.

On motion, the following resolution offered by J. Wilson Lucas was received for discussion:

Resolved, "That this Conference discard the complaints of all aggrieved minorities of churches belonging to the Connexion and advise such minorities to refer their grievances to the next higher tribunal of this Connexion."

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

On motion, the Conference authorized the Moderator to appoint "a committee who shall ascertain the character and usefulness of Elders and Licentiates belonging to the Connexion and report to General Conference."

Moderator appointed as said committee, I. L. Kidd, [illegible] Gregory, Edwin Johnson, A. W. Shaw, W. H. Ford, Jas. Rogers, S. B. Sharin, W. H. Carter, J. C. Sorrell, Willis Fowle, E. [illegible] and W. A. Jackson.

On motion, the preachers belonging to the Connexion were requested to report their labors only to the Conference.

On motion the reports of ministerial labor for 1871 and 1872 were received and read as follows:

Elder James Turnage, sermons 311
Elder S. Creech 104
Elder B. B. Holder, sermons 82, prayer meetings 18,
Sabbath School lectures 22, temperance lectures 5.
Elder H. Fowler, sermons 114
Elder R. H. Johnson " 167
Elder I. Wheeler " 60
J. Wilson Lucas, exhortations 107, S. S. lectures ~~14~~

On motion, the following resolutions offered by Elder R. H. Johnson were received for discussion:

Resolved, 1st. That we meet in Conference once every year.

2nd. That said Conference be composed of preachers and officers of this Conference and lay delegates from the several churches belonging to Cape Fear Connexion.

3rd. That these resolutions be valid from the time that they pass and all prior resolutions of the Conference conflicting herewith be repealed.

On motion, these resolutions were laid on the table and the following offered by Eld. Johnson, was received for discussion:

Resolved, That Art. 1st. in our discipline on "Constitution of Annual Conferences," be so amended as to read Annual Conference instead of "Annual Meeting" and "Biennial Conference."

On this resolution the ayes and nays were taken and recorded: ayes, 19; nays, 2, and it was decided in the negative.

On motion, the former resolutions which had been tabled were taken up, and motion to adopt was lost.

Secretary received and read out the report of the Committee on preaching as follows: "Elders Turnage and Johnson are requested to preach to the attending congregation tomorrow."

On motion, Conference adjourned until Saturday, 10 A.M.

Devotional services conducted by J. W. Lucas.

Saturday 10½ A.M.

Conference is called to order by the Moderator; devotional exercises conducted by Elder Turnage. Roll is called.

By order of Moderator proceedings of Friday were read. Motion to receive and approve was lost in consequence of their inconsistencies.

On motion all the resolutions offered Friday and all the proceedings relative to said resolutions were rejected and the other proceedings of Friday approved.

On motion the following resolution again offered by J. W. Lucas, was received for discussion:

✓ [Resolved, That this Conference discard all complaints of aggrieved minorities of Churches belonging to the Connexion, and advise such minorities to refer their grievances to the next higher tribunal of this Connexion.]

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Committee on character and usefulness of the ministry report:

Elder James Turnage,	favorable.	L. Wheeler	favorable
W. Sirch	"	E. Wallace	unknown.

J. Fowler, favorable, Reuben Boyd, unknown
R. A. Johnson " G. W. [illegible], favorable
B. F. Holder, unknown

Erasmus Lee, Chm Com.

On motion the names of J. M. [illegible] and G. W. [illegible] licentiates were erased from the minutes.

By request the Corresponding Committee reported verbally. Their report was encouraging to the Conference, which received the same and continued the committee.

The Mission Committee from the Quarterly Meetings recommend "That the General Conference form a Mission Board for the support of itinerant preachers who shall be within its [illegible]."

The advice of the Q. Con. being received, E. A. [illegible] offered the following resolution which was received for discussion:

Resolved 1, That this Conference form within the limits of Cape Fear Connexion, a Mission Board for the support of itinerant preaching and missionary enterprise in said Connexion, which Board shall be amenable to the General Conference.

2ndly. That five dollars paid at time of entering shall entitle to membership in the Board.

The resolution was adopted by unanimous vote.

On motion the following resolution again offered by E. A. Johnson was received for discussion:

Resolved, That Art. 1. in our Discipline on "Constitution of Annual Conferences" be so amended as to read Annual [illegible] where it now reads "General Conference once every two years".

Motion to adopt was superseded by motion to lay on the table.

Committee on Sabbath Schools report:

Large schools are in successful operation at several of the churches and the interest in the good work is increasing.

R. A. Johnson, Chairman.

The report was accepted and the committee continued.

Committee of Finance report: We find in hands of the Treasurer $[illegible].

The report was received and committee discharged.

On motion, J. Wilson Lucas was appointed to transcribe the proceedings of the Conference, and have them printed; for which Conference pays him $[illegible]

On motion, Treasurer was ordered to deliver to the transcriber the funds in hand.

Transcriber received from the Treasurer $31.75; from Eld. Fowler's collection [illegible] 75; total $32.50.

On motion, Transcriber was ordered to have printed 400 copies of the Proceedings of this Conference.

On motion, Conference granted to J. Wilson Lucas a certificate of commendation signed by the Moderator.

On motion, Conference will hold its next session at the usual time with the Church at Johnston Union, Johnston Co. N.C.

Introductory by J. Wilson Lucas.

On motion, J. W. Lucas, having been examined in Conference, was recommended to the Ordaining Council for ordination.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to enroll the name of J. Wilson Lucas as Elder in Free Will Baptist denomination.

On motion, Conference adjourned

Devotional services conducted by Eld. Jas. Furnage.

Parrot Creech, Mod.
Erasmus Lee, Asst
J. Wilson Lucas Sec'y
W. A. Jackson, Ass't

At the Stage.

Friday 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder Fowler introduced services and preached from Jeremiah 9:1, "Oh that my head were waters and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people."

Elder Wheeler followed and preached from Matt. 25: 19: "After a long time, the lord of those servants cometh and reckoneth with them."

Saturday, 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder Furnage introduced services and preached from Hebrews 13: 1, "Let brotherly love continue."

Eld. R. A. Johnston continued services and preached from Mark 16: 15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Sunday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Elder Furnage delivered an ordination sermon from Hebrews 5, 4: "And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God as was Aaron".

After an intermission, J. W. Lucas introduced services and preached from Acts 4: 13. "And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus."

Eld. Creech followed and preached from John 14:6. "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Benediction by Elder A. Fowler.

Elders belonging to the Conference with their Address:

James Turnage, Averysboro, Harnett Co. N.C.
Allen Fowler " " " " "
B. B. Holder, Columbia, Henry Co. Ala.
Parrot Creech, Clayton, Johnston Co. N.C.
R. A. Johnson " " " " "
Isaac Wheeler, Elevation " "
Elisha Wallace, Hookerton, Green " "
J. W. Lucas, Averysboro, Harnett " "
Licentiate — Martin Byrd.

Addenda

Returns from the Yearly Meetings Condensed.

1871

1st District — This district held its Yearly Meeting with the church at Long Branch on 11th and 12th Aug. 1871. The ordinary business was transacted. H. H. Draughon, Clk.

2nd District. — No returns have been received for 1871.

1872

1st District — Yearly Meeting was held with the church at Shady Grove on the 9th and 10th August, 1872.

The Yearly Meeting appointed Bros. W. A. Jackson Bedford Tew and W. E. Bass Mission Committee to devise some plan by which the destitute churches belonging to the district may have preaching. This district received the name Stony Run Yearly Meeting. Ten delegates were appointed to the General Conference; and $15.50 sent as contribution from the Yearly Meeting.

Next session of Yearly Meeting will be held with Prospect Church on Friday and Saturday before 2nd Sab. in Aug. 1873.

For statistics, &c. see "Statistics for 1872." W. A. Jackson, Clerk.

2nd District. — Yearly Meeting was held with Bethsaida Church on 20th and 21st Sept., 1872.

Yearly Meeting appointed Bros. A. W. Avery, James Rayner and Alex. Gregory Mission Committee similar to the one appointed by Stony Run Y. M.

This district received the name Johnston Yearly Meeting. Twelve delegates were appointed for the General Conference. Next session of the Y. M. will be held with Laurel Chapel church on Friday and Saturday before 4th Sab. in Sept., 1873.
See Statistics &c. for 1872. J. W. Lucas, Clerk.

Quarterly Meetings.

Stony Run Y. M.
Prospect, Sat. before 1st Sab. in Nov. Feb. &c.
Pleasant Grove, Sat. before 2nd Sab. in Nov. Feb. &c.
(others not given.)

Johnston Y. M.
Mt. Pleasant, Sat. before 3rd Sab. in April, July, &c.
J. Union Sat. before 2nd Sabbath in May, August, &c.
St. Mary's Grove.
Union Springs, Sat before 4th Sab. in May, Aug. &c.
Stony Fork, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Feb. May, &c.
Laurel Chapel, Sat. before 1st Sab. in April, July, &c.
Bethsaida, Sat. before 4th Sab. in April, July &c.

Statistics &c for 1872.

Stony Run Yearly Meeting

Churches.	Counties.	Pastors.	Ad. by Bap.	Ad. by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	No. Members	Sun. S. S.	Increase or decrease of membership
Prospect	Harnett	Elder Allen Fowler					1	72	88	1 d.
Pleasant Grove	"	" Jas. Turnage	23		1		2	98	38	20 in
Stony Run	Cumberland	destitute								
Long Branch	"	Elder Jas. Turnage	40	2			1	104	65	41 in
Little River	"	destitute								
Carver's Creek		"								
Shady Grove	Sampson	Elder A. Fowler			1	1	1	72	125	3 d.
Piney Green	extinct,									

Johnston Yearly Meeting

Churches.	Counties.	Pastors.	Ad. by Bap.	Ad. by Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	No. Members	Sun. S. S.	Increase or decrease of membership
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	Eld. Parrot Creech	1		3	3	1	47		6 d.
Johnston Union	Johnston	" R. A. Johnson	15	1		1		58	25	15 in
St. Mary's Grove	"	" Parrot Creech						36		
Antioch	"	destitute						14		
Union Springs		Eld. Jas. Turnage	1		1			16		
Stony Fork	"	" R. A. Johnson			3	1		43		4 d.
Laurel Chapel	"	" " "	7		1	2	1	39		8 in.
Bethsaida	Harnett	" Jas. Turnage	34		2		1	140		31 in
Savanah	Johnston	destitute								
Total churches 16 - destitute 5			121	3	12	8		740	341	96 in

The third biennial Session of the Cape Fear Free will Baptist Conference was held with the Church at Johnston Union, Johnston County, N.C., commencing Thursday before the second Lord's Day in October, 1874.

Minutes.

Thursday, Oct. 8th, 1874.

Elder J. Wilson Lucas, according to appointment, preaches the introductory sermon from 2 Corinthians, 3rd chapt. 5 verse: "But our sufficiency is of God."

After a recess of twenty minutes, the ministers and delegates re-assemble in the house. Eld. [illegible] is called to the chair and N. L. Barnes appointed Secretary during organization of Conference.

The names of ministers and delegates present are enrolled as follows:

Elders – Jas. Turnage, Allen Fowler, B. B. Holder, Isaac Whe
Rufus K. Johnson and J. Wilson Lucas.

Licentiate – E. B. [illegible].

Delegates from Johnston Yearly Meeting – Dr. J. C. [illegible], J. H. Corbitt, A. Parrish, A. G. Hill, W. G. Hill, N. L. Barnes and R. W. [illegible].

From Stony Run Yearly Meeting – J. L. [illegible] and [illegible].

Conference is now organized by electing Elder B. B. Holder Moderator, and Elder J. Wilson Lucas, Secretary.

The Moderator calls to his assistance A. G. Hill, the Secretary, N. L. Barnes.

Eld. R. W. [illegible], editor of the "Baptist Review" accepts an invitation to a seat in the body.

On motion, the Pastor of Johnston Union Church and delegates, N. L. Barnes and A. Parrish are appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

Elders Lucas and Turnage are appointed to prepare an order of business. They report as follows:

Order of Business.

1 Introductory Sermon
2 Names of ministers and delegates given in and enrolled
3 Organization by electing Moderator and Secretary.
4 Hand of fellowship extended to visiting brethren.

5 Committee on religious exercises and other committees appointed

6 Reports from the Yearly Meetings.
7 Resolutions.
8 Reports of standing and other Committees.
9 Miscellaneous Business.
10 Adjournment.

The Moderator announces the following committees, viz:
On Finances. - A. Parish and W. G. Hill.
On Sabbath Schools. - Elders R. A. Johnson, A. Fowler, J. Wilson Lucas. and A. H. Willis.
On Prayer Meetings. - N. L. Barnes, E. R. Shearman and A. H. Willis.
On Temperance. Every member of the Conference.
On Petitions. - Elders Lucas, Johnson and Furnage and N. L. Barnes.
Ordaining Committee. - Elders Furnage, Fowler and Lucas.
On Obituaries. - Elders, Lucas, Johnson, and Furnage.

On motion a special committee is appointed to draft resolutions expressing the feelings of this body in regard to the death of its former Moderator, Eld. Creech.
Appointed on this committee Elders Lucas and Furnage.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: Elder Fowler will preach tonight, Eld. Nash, tomorrow.

Eld. Nash now receives permission to address the Conference. he speaks several minutes urging the necessity of union between all Liberal Baptists.

On motion Conference adjourns to 9½ o'clock tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder B. V. Nash.

Second Day

Friday, 9½ o'clock A. M.

The Moderator is in the chair. Conference is opened by reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer conducted by Eld. Furnage.

The name of B. Stephenson is enrolled as delegate from Johnston Q. M.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Rev. E. K. Ellis, editor of the "Freewill Baptist Advocate" receives an invitation to a seat in the body.

Reports from the Yearly Meetings are called for. On motion of Eld. Furnage the hearing of these reports is made the special order of business for tomorrow 10 o'clock.

The following resolution is offered by Eld. J. Wilson Lucas and adopted.

Resolved, That we recommend to the several churches represented in this body, the Freewill Baptist Psalmody as a suitable book for their use in public and social worship.

A motion is carried to take up the resolution laid on the table at last session of the body. On motion, the discussion of this resolution is made the special order of business for 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Elder Lucas offers the following resolutions:

Whereas the division of Cape Fear Conference into two Yearly Meetings is found to be unnecessary while its membership is as small as it is at present, therefore

Resolved, 1st. That Johnston and Stony Run Yearly Meetings be united into one Y. M. to be known as Cape Fear Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists and to meet Thursday before 2nd Sabbath in Oct. annually.

2ndly, That the meeting of the General Conference be suspended after this session until the connexion shall have become extensive enough to need its re-organization.

The resolutions are adopted. On motion, Conference adjourns for preaching.

2 P. M.

Conference is called to order by the Moderator. The name of J. H. Pope is enrolled as delegate from Stony Run Y. M.

The following resolutions are offered by Eld. Johnson.

Resolved, 1st. That the ministers belonging to this Conf. be required to report annually to the Yearly Meeting their ministerial labors, and also the amount of contribution received from each of the churches with which they labor.

2ndly, That we recommend to the several churches that they require each of their members to report to the treasurer of his respective church the amount which he contributes to the support of the church, and let the same be noted in the treasurer's book.

The resolutions are discussed by Elders Savage and Johnson and N. T. Barnes, and then adopted.

The following are offered by Eld. J. W. Lucas:

Whereas it is very desirable that a union be effected between the several branches of the liberal Baptist Churches, [illegible]

South and West, and whereas it is anticipated that a convention will soon be called for this purpose, therefore.

Resolved, 1st That this body is exceedingly anxious that all Churches holding faith like that of itself be united in action, and that it will approve a vigorous effort to effect such a union.

2ndly, That it now elect four of its members to represent it in any convention that may be called with this view within the next Conference year.

3rdly, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the several liberal Baptist Journals for publication.

The resolutions are adopted by rising vote.

The election of delegates to the proposed convention results as follows: 1st J. Wilson Lucas, 2nd R. A. Johnson, 3rd B. B. Holder 4th Jas. Turnage

Committee on Religious exercises report: "Elder Holder will preach tonight; Elders Wheeler and Turnage, tomorrow."

Conference adjourns to 9½ o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by Elder R. A. Johnson.

Third Day.

Saturday Morning Oct. 10th.

Conference assembles at the appointed hour, and engages in devotional exercises conducted by Elder A. Fowler.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion, the reports from the Yearly Meetings are called for.

The minutes of the proceeding are read as part of the report, and the contributions from each church noted.

On motion, the resolution laid on the table for 11 o'clock to day is taken up. Elder Lucas so to amend the resolution as to make it read as follows:

Resolved, That this body elect five of its members so to revise our "Articles of Faith and Code of Discipline" as to meet our present wants, and that this committee report at the 2nd annual session of Cape Fear Yearly Meeting. The amendment is accepted, and after some discussion is adopted as amended. This committee on revision is now elected as follows: 1st B. B. Holder, 2nd J. W. Lucas 3rd R. A. Johnson, 4th James Turnage, 5th Dr. L. [illegible].

The committee on Finance report that they find [illegible] in the hands of the Treasurer. Report is received and the committee [illegible]

The committee on Sabbath Schools make a favorable report verbally through the Chairman R. S. Johnson, followed by A. Fowler. Report received, and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Prayer Meetings report as follows:

Inasmuch as very great lukewarmness is manifest among our members, we most earnestly recommend that prayer meetings be held regularly at all our churches and at private houses with convenience, and that an altar ~~of~~ for prayer be erected in every family throughout our Connexion if possible. Needham Barnes, Chm

The report is received and the same committee continued to report at first session of Cape Fear Y. M.

The Moderator calls on Eld. Lucas to make report for the Committee on Temperance. He speaks on the necessity of total abstinence among members of the church, and is followed by Eld. Turnage on the same subject.

On motion Conference adjourns for preaching.

Afternoon Session.

Conference reassembled at 2 P. M. Moderator in the chair.

On motion the Moderator is requested to appoint a committee of three on Temperance, to report at first session of Cape Fear Y. M. Appointed on this committee, Elders Lucas, Johnson and [illegible]

Committee on Obituaries report the death of [illegible]

Departed this life, in October 1873 [illegible] aged about 70 years. Bro. [illegible] was a member of [illegible] church which he served as Deacon. He lived a consistent christian, and in his last illness and death he displayed that fortitude patience and christian resignation which we regard as the fruits of a steadfast faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Departed this life on the [illegible] January 1874 Eld. [illegible] aged [illegible] years. The illness of Eld. Creech was brief and his death sudden. Possessing an extraordinary mind, but deficient [illegible]

[illegible]

Cape Fear Conference and the surrounding country.

Report is received and the committee discharged.

The special committee offer the following:

To the memory of Elder [illegible].

Whereas, it has pleased our heavenly Father, to remove from our midst [illegible] of mankind, our beloved Moderator Elder [illegible], who was so long a zealous and efficient member of this body.

Resolved 1st, That we feel truly sensible of the great loss which we have sustained in the death of one who was regarded not only as a perfect gentleman but a sincere christian, and who [illegible] employed much of his time and means in advancing the cause which we love, and to which he was so much devoted.

2ndly, That his bereaved family have our most christian sympathies in the loss which they have suffered in the death of a beloved companion, a fond father, and an affectionate relative.

3rdly, That a copy of these resolutions be preserved with the proceedings of this conference and an original copy be presented to the family of the deceased.

This report is received and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Periodicals plead want of time, make no report and are discharged. The Moderator appoint Elder ~~[illegible]~~ Turnage and Lucas a committee on Periodicals to report first session of Cape Fear Y. M.

Committee on Religious Exercises report; "Eld. Johnson will preach tonight; Elders [illegible] and Turnage, tomorrow".

On motion the names of the ministers belonging to the body and the christian character of each inquired after. The character of all Elders is found good. The name of Martin Byrd licentiate is erased from the minutes.

✓ Elder Wallace, whose name has been retained on the minutes through oversight since his connection with the Eastern Conference of Freewill Baptist, in this State, applies for membership, but is not received for want of recommendation from his Conference.

On motion the names A. H. Willis, S. B. Thames & John Moore are enrolled as licentiates.

Elder Johnson offers the following resolution which is adopted.

Resolved, That licentiates [illegible]

[illegible]

standing be recognized by us.

Petitions for first session of [illegible] J. [illegible] from the churches at Shady Grove, Sandy [illegible] and Union [illegible]. Conference decides in favor of Long Branch, Cumberland County, where the first session will be held, commencing Thursday before the 2nd Sab. in Oct. 1875.

Elder Holder is elected to preach the introductory [illegible]

On motion, J. Wilson Lucas is appointed to transcribe the proceedings of this conference and have them printed, and for this he receives $15.

On motion, the transcriber is instructed to have printed 600 copies of the proceedings of this conference, and send 25 copies to the Eastern F. W. B. Conference of this state, 25 to Elder Peeks churches and 25 to the Chattahooche Association of F. B. in Ga.

On motion, the Treasurer is required to pay over all funds in hand to the Transcriber.

Elders Johnson and Turnage are elected delegates to the Eastern F. W. B. Conference.

On motion Elders Lucas and Turnage are appointed corresponding committee for the next year.

Bro. Ellis gives a general invitation to members of this body to attend the next session of his conference.

On motion the thanks of the body are extended to the people in the vicinity of Johnston Union for their kindness and hospitality during this session of Conference.

Minutes of the day read and approved.

Conference adjourns sine die.

Prayer by J. H. [illegible]. B. B. Holder, Moderat

J. Wilson Lucas, Secretary.

At the Stand.

Thursday night Elder A. Fowler introduces services [illegible] preaches from Jas. 1: 26: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this," &c.

Friday, 11 o'clock, Elder B. H. [illegible] preaches from 1 Timothy 4: 16: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine."

[illegible] preaches from [illegible] "O my God"

[illegible]

Saturday 11 o'clock, Bro. John Moore introduces services. Elder Wheeler follows and [illegible] from John 14.16: "I am the way." After a short recess Elder Turnage preaches from Isaiah 38.1: "Set thy house in order," &c.

Saturday night: services are introduced by Elder Johnson who preaches from Matt. 5.19: "Whosoever, therefore, shall break," &c.

Sunday 10½ o'clock, Elder Holder introduces services and preaches from 1 Cor. 16.13: "Stand fast in the faith." After recess Eld. Turnage preaches from Rev. 3.20: "Behold I stand at the door and knock," &c. Benediction by Eld. Johnson.

Ordained Ministers and Licentiates.

Elder James Turnage, Averysboro, N. C.
" Allen Fowler, " " "
3 " B. V. B. Holder, " "
4 " Isaac Wheeler, Elevation "
5 " R. A. Johnson, " "
6 " J. Wilson Lucas, Clayton "
Licentiates — A. C. Willis, S. R. Thanes, Jno. Moore.

Table of Statistics for the Year 1874

Churches	Counties	Pastors	Contributions	Received	Excluded	Dismissed	No. Members	Net Increase or decrease
Prospect	Harnett	Allen Fowler	$400	13	4	0	81	9 in
Pleasant Grove	"	" "	150	12	2		100	in
Long Branch	Cumberland	James Turnage	400			3	120	3 dec
Little River	"	(destitute)						
Carvers Creek	"	"						
Shady Grove	Sampson	Rufus A. Johnson	300	4			96	24 in
Bethsaida	Harnett	James Turnage	500		4		1?0	4 dec
Antioch	Johnston	Isaac Wheeler	125	2	2		14	
Laurel Chapel	"	R. A. Johnson J. W. Lucas	200				43	
Johnston Union	"	" "	300	[illegible]			64	7 in
St. Mary's Grove	"	" "	250	8			31	8 in
Stony Fork	"	R. A. Johnson					43	
Union Springs	Harnett	R. A. Johnson J. W. Lucas	140				16	
Mt Pleasant	Wake		30			2	44	3 dec
							7?8	

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The first session of the Cape Fear Yearly Meeting of Freewill Baptists was held with the church at Long Branch, Cumberland County, N. C. commencing Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in [illegible].

At twelve o'clock, M., Elder [illegible] H. Holden preached the introductory sermon from John 17th chapter 21st verse "That they may all be one."

After a recess of twenty minutes, the members re-assemble in the house, and the meeting is called to order by Eld. Holden. A few minutes are devoted to reading the Scriptures, praise, and prayer, conducted by Eld. Holden. After this the names of members present are taken and enrolled as follows:

Elders.— S. B. Thane, A. Fowler, B. H. Holden, R. C. Johnson and J. Wilson Lucas.

Licentiates.— A. H. Willis and Robt Strickland.

Delegates.— From Prospect Church J. W. Avera; Pleasant Grove, Wiley Fowler; Long Branch, Emanuel [illegible] and J. W. Taylor; Shady Grove, Jesse Wilson and J. R. [illegible]; Antioch, J. B. Jernigan; Johnston Union, N. L. Barnes and J. W. Avera; Union Springs, Alex. Gregory and M. Stephenson; Mt. Pleasant, A. G. Hill & Jas. [illegible].

The meeting is now organized by electing Eld. B. H. Holden, Moderator with R. C. Johnson Assistant, and Eld. J. Wilson Lucas, Secretary with J. B. Jernigan, assistant.

Elder B. H. [illegible], editor of the "Baptist Review" is present and accepts an invitation to a seat in the body.

Elders Johnson, Lucas and Fowler are appointed to prepare an order of business.

They report recommending the order of business at the last biennial session of Cape Fear Conference with a little change, as follows:

1st Introductory Sermon.

2nd Names of those entitled to membership given and enrolled.

3rd [illegible]

5th Appointment of committees.
6th Reports from the churches.
7th Resolutions.
8th Reports from committees
9th Miscellaneous business
10th Adjournment.

The Moderator announces the following committees:
On Religious exercises, the Pastor and delegates of [illegible] church.
On Finance, Jesse [illegible] and J. [illegible].
On [illegible] Elders [illegible], J. [illegible], J. B. Lucas, and A. H. Willis.
On [illegible] Elds. Furnage, Johnson and [illegible].
Committee on religious exercises report: Elder [illegible] will preach tonight, Elder Ash and Johnson tomorrow.
On motion, meeting adjourns to 9½ o'clock A.M. tomorrow.
Prayer by Elder Johnson.

Second Day.

Friday, Oct [illegible]

The moderator called the meeting to order at 9½ o'clock A.M. Roll is called. Devotional exercises by Eld. W. H. Ash.
The following names were entered upon the roll, viz; from [illegible] Elder Jas. Furnage; from Prospect, J. L. Ryals; Pleasant Grove, R. [illegible]; Bethsaida, James Stewart.
Minutes of yesterday read and approved.
Reports from the churches are called for; and letters received are read. Verbal reports of an interesting character are made by Pastors and delegates.— On motion meeting adjourns for preaching.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting is called to order at 2 P.M. Moderator in the chair.
The name of John A. Hodges delegate from Bethsaida is received and enrolled.
On motion the name of Robt. Strickland is entered upon the list as licentiate.
Reports of ministerial labor and success are called for, and very good reports made by all the elders and licentiates of the Af. M.E. present.
On motion the name of Elder [illegible] [illegible] from the church is taken from the [illegible].
[illegible]

[illegible] are called [illegible] the christian [illegible] of each [illegible] other [illegible] and improvement [illegible].

The report of the delegates appointed at last biennial session of Cape Fear Conference to a convention of Liberal Baptists in the State [illegible] That is read by Eld. [illegible] as follows:

"As a partial report we are happy to state, with the cooperation of other Liberal Baptist bodies we have succeeded in calling a convention of the Liberal Baptists of this state which met in Goldsboro on the 3rd of July last and agreed upon a basis of union and a constitution for the United Baptist Conference of N.C. All of which we herewith submit for the approval of this body. J. Wilson Lucas, for the delegates"

After the report and action of the convention are explained by the delegates and remarks of approval are made by other members the report together with the action of the convention submitted are received by a unanimous rising vote. After the adoption of the report appropriate remarks are made by Eld. [illegible] Nash.

The report of the standing committee on periodicals is read by Eld. Lucas as follows:

"The committee on periodicals beg leave to report that at the state convention of Liberal Baptist a Board of Publication was elected to devise means for the publication of a religious paper in the interest of the Liberal Baptist churches and to report to the first session of the United Baptist Conference of N.C. and that this Board has appointed an agent in our Q. M.; therefore we recommend that this body approve of the appointment of said Board and co-operate with it through its agent in our midst.

Jas Turnage } Committee
J. Wilson Lucas }

On motion of J. W. Lucas the discussion of this report is made the special order of business for to night.

Committee on religious exercises report: Elder [illegible] will preach to night; Elders Turner and [illegible] [illegible].

Adjourn with prayer by A. H. Willis.

Night Session

Friday night, [illegible].

The hour appointed for the discussion of the report of the [illegible]

[illegible]

The report is taken from the table and read by Elder [illegible] who opens the discussion by explaining the report and giving the reasons for recommending co-operation with the Board of Publication referred to in the report. Elder B. H. Nash explains the manner in which the Board desires to proceed. The discussion is continued showing our great need of a religious paper and in pleasant allusions to what Elder B. H. Nash has already been able to accomplish by the "Review" though its publication has been a personal enterprise. About 10 o'clock the Meeting adjourns.

Third Day.

Saturday Morning, Oct 9th

After devotional exercises, conducted by Eld. Lucas, the Meeting is called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of yesterday are read and approved. Under the head of unfinished business the report of the Committee on Periodicals is again taken up. Elder Turnage makes appropriate remarks. He has long seen and felt our need of a denominational press, and he earnestly favors co-operation with the Board referred to. Eld. Shaw concurs. After other remarks the report is received by unanimous vote, and the following resolution offered by N. L. Barnes and received, viz:

"Resolved, That we the Cape Fear Yearly Meeting do heartily co-operate with the Board of Publication of United Baptist Conference of N.C. and earnestly recommend their enterprise to the churches which we here represent."

The resolution is adopted after brief discussion.

The following resolutions are offered by Eld. Lucas and received:

Resolved, 1st That Elder James Turnage be earnestly requested to furnish to this Yearly Meeting an account of the origin and early history of Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference and that the recording secretary be instructed to enter the same upon the Conference's Book of Records; provided they be not found already recorded on said book

2ndly That the transcriber be instructed to condense the record given by Eld. Turnage of the origin and early history of Cape Fear Conference and publish the same with the proceedings of this [illegible].

That the Secretary be requested to collect and [illegible]

[illegible]

sessions of Cape Fear Conference which were held, and the keeping of the record was [illegible] and write the same upon the "Book of Record" with regular proceedings of all meetings which may be held during his term of office and all other items which he may be directed by this body to record.

4thly That for his services the secretary shall receive such compensation as this body may allow.

After a brief discussion the resolutions are adopted.

Eld. J. Wilson [illegible] is elected Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Yearly Meeting.

Needham L. Barnes is elected permanent Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting

Elders Turnage and Fowler are appointed a committee to procure the Conference's "Book of Records" and deliver it to the Secretary.

The report of the committee on Sabbath schools is read by the Secretary as follows:

The committee on Sabbath schools with [illegible] report that they find very little interest taken in the Sabbath school cause. That various means have been used to awaken a general interest in the cause but these have met little success. We therefore recommend that this body appoint a Board of such extent as it may think best, to take the Sabbath school cause into consideration, and devise some plan the best in their judgement for the successful prosecution of the work.

R. A. Johnson, Chairman

The report is received and the Moderator authorized to appoint a Sabbath school Board of 12 members.

The Moderator appoints on this Board as follows: 1 N. L. Barnes, 2 A. H. Willis 3 W. R. Jackson, 4 [illegible] Strickland, 5 Jas. B. Ryals, 6 R. J. Morris 7 John H. Hodges, 8 J. H. Pope, 9 J. H. [illegible] 10 John Moore, 11 James Lee, 12 James Jolly.

The report of the committee appointed at extra session of Cape Fear Conference on church property in [illegible] church is read by Elder Turnage as follows:

We as a part of the Committee on the old church house of [illegible] Run [illegible]

[illegible]

the sale of the old house to that purpose. The new house is now in progress. Respectfully submitted

James Turnage } Committee
R. B. Fowler }

The report of the Committee on Temperance is made verbally, and the Committee continued.
Committee, Elders Lucas and Turnage.

The report of the Committee on Prayer meetings is read by the Secretary, amended and adopted, as follows:

We beg leave to report that very few prayer-meetings are kept up among our churches, and a great lukewarmness seems yet to prevail. We, therefore, suggest that the ministers of this connection be requested to deliver to each of their churches a lecture on prayer and prayer-meetings; and then with such lay assistance as they may procure, establish a permanent prayer-meeting at each church.

A. L. Barnes, Chairman

Finance Committee report that they find $31.70 in the hands of the Treasurer.

Ordaining Council report that [illegible] has been examined and regularly ordained to the ministry during the year. Report received and same Council continued.
Council, Elders Turnage, Fowler and Lucas.

Committee on Obituaries plead want of time, and are instructed to report to the transcriber. Adjourn for preaching.

Afternoon Session.

At 2:30 P.M. the Meeting is called to order by the Moderator.

Bro. J. T. Kennard of the eastern F. B. church accepts an invitation to a seat in the body.

Petitions for the next session of the Y. M. are received from the churches at Shady Grove, Prospect and Union Springs. Petition of Shady Grove is granted; and the Y. M. will hold its next session with that church, commencing Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October 187[illegible]. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Turnage.

Delegates to the first session of the United Baptist Conference of N. C., Needham L. Barnes and A. H. [illegible].

On motion J. Wilson Lucas is appointed transcriber of the proceedings of this Meeting, and instructed to have printed [illegible] copies or more of the same, and [illegible] to the churches [illegible]
[illegible]

after paying for the printing of the proceedings.

Treasurer is instructed to pay over to the treasurer [illegible] all funds in hand. Pays over $2.70

Committee on Religious Exercises report that Eld. Turnage will preach tonight; Elders Johnson and Nash tomorrow.

Vote of thanks is given to the friends in the community for their hospitality during this Meeting.

Proceedings of the day read and approved.

Meeting adjourns with praise and prayer by Elder Nash.

B. B. Holder Moderator

J. Wilson Lucas Secretary.

Elders and Licentiates

1 Elder James Turnage, Averysboro N.C.
2 " Allen Fowler " "
3 " B. B. Holder " "
4 " Rufus A. Johnson, Elevation "
5 " J. Wilson Lucas " "
6 " J. B. Shaw Smithfield "
Licentiates. — A. K. Willis, J. Moore, and Robert Strickland

Table of Statistics for the year 1875.

Churches	Counties	Delegates	Pastors for 1875-6	For Minutes	Dead	Excluded	Dismissed	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prospect	Harnett	J. W. Ivera, J. L. Ryals	Allen Fowler	$5.00				15	92	11
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Raford Lucas W. [illegible]	Allen Fowler	1.25	5	3			[illegible]	[illegible]
Long Branch	Cumberland	E. Lee, J. W. Taylor J. H. Pope	Jas Turnage	3.50		5	2	2	112	5
Little River	"		destitute							
Camp Creek	"		"							
Shady Grove	Sampson	Jesse Wilson J. R. Dudley	R. A. Johnson	3.00		5		19	81	14
Bethsaida	Harnett	Jas. Stewart, J. A. Hodges	J. Turnage	4.00			1	30	114	25
Antioch	Johnston	G. B. Jernigan	R. A. Johnson	1.00				41	[illegible]	21
Laurel Chapel	"		"	1.50					35	
Johnston Union	"	N. L. Barnes A. W. [illegible]	"	3.00				2 2	[illegible]	
St. Mary's Grove	"		J. W. Lucas	2.00			1		8	
Stoney Fork			R. A. Johnson	1.00					4	
Union Chapel	Harnett	A. [illegible]	B. B. Holder	1.75	1				15	16
Mt. Pleasant	[illegible]	[illegible]	"	1.50					44	
		[illegible]		[illegible]					104	

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Minutes of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference held at Shady Grove, October 1876.

Thursday, Oct. 5th. 1876

The Ministers and delegates assemble in the church at 12 o'clock M., and services are introduced by Elder A. Fowler who reads a portion of Scripture and offers prayer.

The introductory sermon is preached by Elder James Turnage of Harnett, from 1 Cor. 12; 25: "That there should be no schism in the body."

After a recess of ten minutes, the members re-assemble in the church and are called to order by Elder B. H. Holder.

Prayer is offered by Elder Holder.

Names of members present are enrolled as follows:

Elders:- James Turnage, [illegible], Allen Fowler, B. H. Holder, R. A. Johnson, and J. Wilson Lucas.

Licentiates: John Moore.

Delegates: From Prospect, M. E. Byrd, J. G. Johnson and [illegible]; Pleasant Grove, Wiley Fowler; Shady Grove, Needham [illegible], Jesse Wilson; Johnston Union, J. M. Beasley; Mt. Pleasant, Jas. A. Jolly; Bethsaida, William Lucas, [illegible] B. A. [illegible].

J. Wilson Lucas and M. E. Byrd are appointed to superintend the election of Moderator.

They report the election of Elder R. A. Johnson on first ballot.

Elders [illegible] Nash and N. Flowers, visiting brethren from the Baptist Association, accept seats in the Conference.

Elders Holder and Turnage and Jesse Wilson are appointed to prepare an order of business. They report recommending the order of business of last year with one additional item as follows:

1. Introductory sermon
2. Names of those entitled to membership enrolled.
3. Organization
4. Hand of fellowship given to visiting brethren
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Reports from the churches.
8. [illegible]
9. [illegible] committees
10. [illegible]

Petitions for admittance into the Conference are received from churches at Piney Grove, Johnston County, and at Colyer S. H. Cumberland County. They are received and the delegates, B. Stanley and James Raynor, jr. take seats in the conference.

The Moderator announces the following committees:

On Religious Exercises.- The delegates from Shady Grove & Wm Lucas

On Finance.- Jesse Wilson, W. A. [illegible] and William Lucas.

On Obituaries.- Elders Turnage, Holder & Fowler. [illegible]

On motion of J. Wilson Lucas, the "Rules of Order" of the United Baptist Conference of N. C. are adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach tonight Elder Fowler; tomorrow Elders Holder and [illegible] "

On motion adjourns until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Prayer by Elder [illegible].

Friday, October 6th. 18[illegible].

Conference meets at 9:30 A.M.

Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder Turnage.

The roll is called. The names of M. Stephenson, delegate from Union Springs, and of W. H. Draughon from Long Branch are enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion of J. Wilson Lucas the Moderator is requested to appoint a committee to suggest some plan for the better education of indigent young men entering the ministry in Cape Fear Conference. Moderator appoints as said committee Elders Holder and Lucas.

The Treasurer being absent, B. A. Hodges is elected Treasurer pro tem.

Reports from the churches are called for. Letters are read and verbal reports made by pastors, showing that most of the churches have enjoyed precious revivals during the year, and are now in a very prosperous condition.

Adjourns for preaching.

At 2:15 Conference is again called to order. Names enrolled:

Elders.- William [illegible] and A. H. Willis

Licentiate.- Robert Strickland.

Delegates.- [illegible] J. H. Taylor from Long Branch [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

list of retired ministers.

The names of all Elders and licentiates belonging to the Conference are called and the christian character of each inquired after. Each is found to sustain a good character.

Elder Turnage and brother H. Warren are granted leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Committee on religious exercises report: "To preach tonight Elder Wm. Lynd; tomorrow, Elders H. Flemings and Jas. Turnage."

Conference adjourns until 9 o'clock A.M. tomorrow.

Prayer by Elder Willis.

Saturday October 7th, 1876

The Moderator calls the Conference to order at 9½ o'clock.

Devotional exercises are conducted by the Moderator.

Roll is called. The minutes of yesterday are read & approved.

By request of the committee on Obituaries, Elder William Lynd is added to that committee.

The report of the committee on Temperance is now read by the Secretary as follows:

"With pleasure we report that successful efforts have been made by some of our churches during the past year to remedy the evils of Intemperance among their members. Yet we feel called upon to take a decided stand against all intemperance and most earnestly to recommend that a strict discipline be enforced against all immoderate use of spirituous liquors among the members of our churches.

J. Wilson Lucas }
James Turnage } Com.

The same committee on Temperance is continued.

The Sunday School Board have no written report. After brief verbal report the same Board is continued.

All the pastors of churches belonging to the Conference are appointed a committee to promote interest in prayer meetings and report at next session of conference.

The committee on revision of Discipline have no report and are granted further time.

The committee to suggest a plan for the education of young ministers report as follows:

"Seeing the great need of some system by which young men of our Conference who feel called to the work of the ministry (and who [illegible]

[illegible]

respectfully suggest: That this Conference elect a committee of five on Ministerial Education who shall choose their own officers, regulate their own affairs in subordination to this body, and act under the following instructions:
1st To devise some plan of raising a fund by voluntary contribution to assist in educating indigent young men preparing for the ministry in Cape Fear Conference.
2nd To carry this plan into effect among the churches with the pastors co-operating.
3rd To assist by this fund such young men only as are worthy and need the assistance and as such are recommended by their respective churches.
4th To make a detailed account report to this body at each of its regular meetings

B. B. Holder
J. Wilson Lucas } Com.

After remarks by Elders Byrd, Johnson and others, the suggestions of the committee were accepted, and the committee on Ministerial Education elected as follows: 1st J. Wilson Lucas; 2nd B. B. Holder; 3rd R. J. Norris; 4th Jesse Wilson; 5th William Byrd.

The ordaining council report that R. H. Willis has been examined and ordained to the ministry during the year. The same council is continued. The committee on Missions have no report; ~~and~~ are permitted allowed to hand their report to the transcriber.

The Finance Committee report:
"We find with the Treasurer $27.95; with the Secretary 12.05; [illegible]

Jesse Wilson
William Lucas } Com.

Petitions for next session of the Conference are received from Union Springs, Prospect and St. Mary's Grove. Petition of Prospect, Harnett County is granted. Next session of Conference will be held with that church commencing on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1877

Elder R. A. Johnson is elected to preach the introductory sermon. Delegates elected to the next session of the United Baptist Conference of N. C., Jesse Wilson and J. J. Johnson.

On motion the Secretary is instructed to have printed 500 copies or more of the minutes of this Conference, to distribute ~~to~~ of the same to the churches according to their contributions, and to others at his own discretion. He is allowed for his [illegible]
[illegible]

The Treasurer is instructed to pay over to the Secretary sufficient amount to raise his pay to have it $13.00, and to pay to the delegates to the U. M. Conference $10.00 and pay for minutes of that conference.

Conference adjourns a few minutes for recreation.

After remarks by Elder Nash, relative to the union movement, &c., the Conference is again called to order.

Committee on religious exercises report: To preach to-night, R. A. Johnson; to-morrow, J. Wilson Lucas and B. W. Nash.

Elder Nash offers remarks favoring a good denominational paper. Vote of thanks is given to the friends in the vicinity of Olive Grove for their hospitality during the session.

Conference adjourns. Prayer by Elder Nash.

R. A. Johnson, Moderator.

J. Wilson Lucas, Secretary.

Officers
of
Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference for 1876-7.

Moderator:
Elder R. A. Johnson, Elevation, N. C.

Treasurer:
N. L. Barnes, Clayton, N. C.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary:
Elder J. Wilson Lucas.

Committees &c. for 1876-7.

On Ministerial Education:
J. Wilson Lucas, B. B. Holder, R. J. Harris, Jesse Wilson, Wm Byrd

Sabbath School Board;

A.L. Barnes, A.H. Willis, W.A. Jackson, Robt Strickland, Jas. W. Ryals, R.J. Norris, John A. Hodges, J.H. Pope, J.A. Ford, J. Moore, Jas. Lee, Jas. Jolly.

On Revision of Discipline;

B.B. Holder, J. Wilson Evans, R.A. Johnson, James Turnage, A.L. Barnes.

On Obituaries:

Jas. Turnage, B.B. Holder, A. Fowler, Wm. Byrd.

On Temperance:

James Turnage, J. Wilson Evans.

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Elders and Residences.

1	Elder James Turnage,	Averysboro,	N.C.
2	" Allen Fowler	"	"
3	" B. B. Holder	"	"
4	" Rufus A. Johnson,	Elevation	"
5	" J. Wilson Evans	"	"
6	" E. H. Shane	Smithfield	"
7	" William Byrd,	Averysboro	"
8	" A. H. Willis	Clayton	"

Licentiates.- Robert Strickland, John Moore.

Statistics &c. for 1876.

Churches.	Counties	Pastors for 1877.	$ for Minutes	Received	Excluded	Dismissed	[illegible]	No. Members	Net increase or decrease
Prospect	Harnett	Allen Fowler	1.00	18			2	111	16 in
Pleasant Grove	"	"	2.20	1	9	1	1	92	1 de.
Long Branch	Cumberland	James Turnage	3.50	8	3	3		117	2 in.
Shady Grove	Sampson	R. A. Johnson	4.50	1	1			80	
Bethsaida	Harnett	Jas. Turnage	5.00	3	2		1	116	
Antioch	Johnston	J. Wilson Lucas	1.25	12				23	12 in
Laurel Chapel	"	"	1.25	2		4		18	2 de
Johnston Union	"	R. A. Johnson	3.50	10	4		1.	70	5 in.
St. Mary's Grove	"	J. Wilson Lucas	3.00	12	3	1		36	8 in
Stony Fork	"	R. A. Johnson	1.25					26	
Union Spring	Harnett	B. B. Holder	1.25	3				16	3 in
Mt. [illegible]	Wake	"	1.45	4			1	42	3 in
Colyer's S. H.	Cumberland	Jas. Turnage	2.00	8				8	8 in
Piney Grove	Johnston	A. H. Willis	.75	17				17	17 in
	Contributions by individuals		11.0						
14 Total			40.	79	22	9	6	772	62 in

Obituaries

William H. Canady, son of Richard K. Canady died at the residence of his father in Harnett County, on the 14th of February 1876, aged 25 years.

Brother Canady professed faith in Christ and united with the church at Prospect in 1866 and lived a faithful member of that church until his death. His last illness was protracted and exceedingly painful, but he endured it with wonderful fortitude and Christian resignation.

Nancy Hodges, died May 1876, aged about 95 years. For several years she had been a consistent member of Prospect Church. She was a woman of great merit and usefulness in her community, and in her death truly a mother in Israel has fallen.

Ann Eliza, daughter of Elder Allen Fowler, departed this life, August the 19th, 1876, aged 22 years. She professed religion when only about 14 years old and united with Pleasant Grove Church. The profession made thus early in youth, she adorned by a pious walk and godly conversation until her latest hour. After months of suffering, just a few hours before her departure, she said to her father and the family: "I want you all to meet me in heaven. Don't grieve after me, for I shall be better off."

Sophia Ann Adams, wife of J. J. H. Adams of Wake, died — 1876, aged 55 years. She professed religion in [illegible], joined a M. Baptist church, transferred her membership to Mt Pleasant soon after its organization, and lived a consistent member until death. She suffered from a lingering disease about four years, but was confined only about three weeks. The church, in her loss loses, one of its most faithful members, the community a kind neighbor, the family a beloved wife and affectionate mother.

Allen Fowler
William Byrd } Com.
James Turnage

Several other obituary notices were handed in by the committee which are omitted here for want of space.— Transcriber.

Minutes for 1877.

Officers of Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference for 1877 and 1878.

Moderator:
Elder B. B. Hobbs, [illegible], N.C.

Treasurer:
N. S. Barnes, [illegible], N.C.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary:
Elder J. Wilson Lucas, [illegible], N.C.

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Committees, &c. for 1877-8.

On Ministerial Education:
J. Wilson Lucas, R. E. Holder, R. J. Norris, Jesse Wilson, Wm. Byrd, N. S. Barnes
Chairman:- Jesse Wilson, Hawley's Store, Sampson Co, N.C.

On Revision of Discipline:
R. E. Holder, J. Wilson Lucas, R. A. Johnson, Jas. Turnage, N. S. Barnes

On Temperance:
John Moore, Jas. Turnage, J. Wilson Lucas, A. H. Willis, A. Fowler.

Ordaining Council:
James Turnage, R. E. Holder, J. Wilson Lucas.

On Obituaries:
Wm. Byrd, J. Wilson Lucas, R. A. Johnson

Sabbath School Board:
A. H. Willis, [illegible], J. W. [illegible], [illegible] Hodges, Thos. J. Holder

Proceedings of the
Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference,
held at
Prospect Church, October 18[illegible]

Thursday October [illegible]

The congregation assembles in the church at ten o'clock, A.M. Services are introduced by Elder J. Wilson [illegible]. Introductory sermon is preached by Elder R. A. Johnson [illegible] Johnson from Hebrews 12:[illegible].

After a recess of ten minutes the members reassemble in the house, and are called to order by Elder R. A. Johnson. Scriptures are read and prayer offered by Elder Jas. Turnage. The names of members present are enrolled as follows:

Elders.– James Turnage, Allen Fowler, B. B. Holder, R. A. Johnson, Wm. Byrd, A. H. Willis, J. Wilson [illegible]

Licentiate.– J. M. [illegible]

Delegates.– From Prospect J. C. Sorrell, J. L. Ryals, A. McCord; Pleasant Grove, J. Parker; Sandy Grove, Jesse Williams [illegible]; Johnston Union, [illegible] Barnes, A. H. [illegible]; Mt. Pleasant, [illegible] Hill, J. A. Jolly; Bethsaida, B. A. Hodges, Geo. [illegible]; Union Springs, Alex. Gregory; Piney Grove, B. Stanly.

Elders Wm. Byrd and A. H. Willis are appointed to superintend the election of Moderator. They report the election of Elder B. B. Holder. He accepts the position in a brief address.

Elders Wm. Byrd and A. H. Willis and R. L. Barnes are appointed to prepare an order of business. They report as follows:

1st Introductory sermon.
2 Names of those entitled to membership enrolled.
3 Organization
4 Hand of fellowship given to visiting brethren.
5 Call for petitionary letters.
6 Appointment of committees.
7 Reports from the churches.
8 Resolutions
9 Reports from committees.
10 Miscellaneous business.
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Petitionary letter is received from the Stony Run, which has been reorganized as a new church recently by Elder Turnage. She is received and her delegate, J. H. Jernigan takes a seat in Conference.

The following committees are announced by the Moderator:
On Religious Exercises.- The delegates from Prospect.
On Finance.- A. G. Hill, A. W. Avery and Jesse Wilson.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: "To preach to-morrow, Elders A. H. Willis and James Turnage."

On motion Conference adjourns to 9½ A. M. tomorrow.
Prayer by Elder A. H. Willis.

Second Day

Friday, October 12th.

Conference is called to order at 10 o'clock A. M.

Devotional exercises are conducted by the Moderator.

The names of W. H. Barber from Stony Fork; Q. Taylor and M. L. Patterson from Long Branch; M. Stephenson from Union Springs; R. J. Norris from Pleasant Grove; and John Moore, licentiate are enrolled.

The minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Reports from the churches are received by letter and verbal statements from pastors and delegates.

Names enrolled: Elders Robert Strickland; from Piney Grove B. H. Ayres, from Rogers S. H. Jas. Rayner jr.

Names of ministers belonging to the Conference are called and the christian conduct of each inquired after. No charge against any.

On motion Conference adjourns for preaching.
Elder Willis preaches from Matt. 11:28.
Elder Turnage follows and preaches from 1 Pete. 5:7.

Afternoon Session.

Conference meets at 1:40 P. M.

Elder Byrd of the Committee on Obituaries asks for specific instruction relative to the duty of his Committee. They are instructed to prepare obituaries of officers and prominent members of Conference.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: "Elders [illegible] [illegible] tomorrow."

[illegible]

We find the Temperance cause working a healthful reform among our churches. Our ministers for the most part are advocates of total abstinence and our members are generally sober. We recommend to ministers and laity perseverance in the good cause.

James Furnage, } Committee
J. Wilson Lucas }

Committee on Revision of Discipline apologize for want of report and ask longer time. Their apology calls forth interesting remarks relative to the origin of the Church, the "Faith and Discipline," &c.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education is now made by J. Wilson Lucas, as follows:

Soon after appointment our Committee was organized. We decided upon a plan of work under the limits prescribed in our appointment. No application being made to us for assistance during the year just closed, we attempted to raise no funds. There are some young men now, however, who are looking to us for assistance to attend school next year. We have sufficient confidence in the churches as to believe that we shall be able to render the necessary assistance to worthy applicants; while we promise to use the utmost caution that no aid be injudiciously bestowed.

J. Wilson Lucas, Secy, for the Committee.

Committee on Obituaries have no report.
Finance Committee report in the hands of the Treasurer [illegible]
Conference adjourns to 9½ A. M. to-morrow.
Prayer by Elder Byrd.

Third Day.

Saturday, October 15th.

After devotional exercises, conducted by Elder Robert Strickland, Conference is called to order by the Moderator.
The name of J. Watson, licentiate from Fayetteville is enrolled.
Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.
Committee on Prayer Meetings report as follows:
We, the pastors of churches in the Conference, have delivered sermons and exhortations on subject of Prayer Meetings as requested by last Conference. Respectfully submitted,

All Pastors

[illegible] Sabbath schools fail. The Committee is continued.
[illegible]

Elected Advisory Council for next year, T. J. Holder, J. Wilson Lucas and James Turnage.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education is taken up and adopted. Plan of the Committee is explained by the Secretary. A. L. Reaves is added and the Committee continued

The Committee takes in pledges $81.00 to be paid on the 1st. of January 1878.

Conference adjourns for preaching.

Sermon by Elder R. A. Johnson from Mark 16:16.

The Moderator is in the chair and Conference called to order at 1:45 P.M.

The subject of Sabbath schools is taken up. The present Board is dismissed. On motion a Board of five are elected to look after the interests of Sabbath schools and report at next session of Conference. Elected as this Board: (1) A. H. Willis, (2) John A. Hodges, (3) C. F. Fay, (4) J. L. [illegible], (5) Thos. J. Holder.

Committee on Obituaries: Wm. Byrd, J. Wilson Lucas, R. A. Johnson.

Committee on Temperance: Jno. Moore, A. H. Willis, J. Wilson Lucas, A. Fowler, James Turnage.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report. To preach to-morrow Elders Byrd and Lucas.

Location of next session of Conference is taken up. Petitions are received from Colyer's S. H., Mt. Pleasant and Stony Run. Decision in favor of the last. Next session of Conference will be held with Stony Run Church, Sampson County, N.C., commencing on Thursday before 2nd Sabbath in October 1878. Introductory sermon by Elder Holder of Harnett.

On motion the Secretary is instructed to have printed 500 copies of the minutes of this Conference, and to distribute as heretofore. He is allowed for his services the funds in his hands after paying the other expenses. The Secretary is authorized to receive from the Treasurer the funds in hand. He receives $34.75.

On motion, the amount raised for minutes of the United Baptist Conference is sent to that body.

Delegates to the U. B. Conference, A. L. Reaves and Thos. J. Holder.

A Constitution offered by J. Wilson Lucas is adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes of this year.

Vote of thanks is offered to friends around Prospect for [illegible] during the session.

[illegible]

Conference [illegible]
Prayer by Elder Turnage.

B. B. Holder Moderator

J. Wilson Lucas Secretary

Statistics &c. for 1877.*

Churches	Counties	Pastors for 1876.	For minutes	Received	Excluded	[illegible]	Dead	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prospect	Harnett	Eld. B. B. Holder	$5.00	2	1	1		96	
Bethsaida	"	" Jas. Turnage	5.00	23	5	6	1	141	11 in[illegible]
Pleasant Grove	"	" B. B. Holder	1.20		5		1	96	6[illegible]
Long Branch	Cumberland	" Jas. Turnage	4.00		1	7	2	108	10[illegible]
Colyer's S. H.	"	" J. Wilson Lucas	1.00	2				10	[illegible]
Shady Grove	Sampson	" R. A. Johnson	4.00	15			2	93	13 in[illegible]
Stony Run	"	" "	1.50	45				45	45 in[illegible]
Antioch	Johnston	" "	1.75				1	[illegible]	[illegible]
Laurel Chapel	"	" "	1.50	1				[illegible]	
Johnston Union	"	" "	[illegible]		4	1	1	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Mary's Grove	"	" "	[illegible]					[illegible]	
Stony Fork	"	" "	.75	[illegible]				31	[illegible]
Union Springs	"	" Jas Turnage	1.00	6				16	
Piney [illegible]	"	" R. Strickland	1.25	12				[illegible]	[illegible]
Mt. Pleasant	[illegible]	" Wm Byrd	2.50	3			1	40	[illegible]
			45	108	6	6	9	[illegible]	[illegible]

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* Where statistics of last year and this are inconsistent, clerks are responsible.

Elders and Licentiates

1 Elder Jas. Turnage, Averysboro N.C.
2 " Allen Fowler, " "
3 " B. B. Holder, " "
4 " Wm Byrd, " "
5 " Rufus A. Johnson, Elevation, "
6 " S. P. [illegible] Smithfield, "
7 " Robt Strickland " "
8 " A. H. Willis, Clayton "
9 " J. Wilson Lucas, [illegible] "

Licentiates. John Moore, Jno. Wilson, J. H. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] with the Church at Stony [illegible] Friday before Saturday [illegible] 1877.

Proceedings

Thursday, [illegible]

Services [illegible] commenced at [illegible] by [illegible] A. Johnson of Johnston.

[illegible] by [illegible] of Wayne from Titus 2:14.

After a recess of ten minutes, the members re-assembled [illegible] and [illegible] called to order by [illegible]

Devotional exercises [illegible] by [illegible] Willis of Sampson

The Secretary being absent, the Moderator requested Brother Robert A. Draughon to act as Secretary.

The names of members present are enrolled as follows:

Elders

[illegible] A. [illegible] Willis and [illegible]

Licentiates.

[illegible]

Delegates.

From Prospect [illegible] and Martin Byrd.

Pleasant Grove [illegible]

[illegible] Draughon.

Colyer's S. H. [illegible]

Shady Grove [illegible]

Stony Run J. J. Butler [illegible]

Antioch [illegible] B. [illegible]

Johnston Union [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Elder [illegible] visit [illegible] Baptist Conference, [illegible] Baptist Association [illegible]

The Moderator appoints as a committee [illegible] [illegible]

Elders [illegible] and Freeman and Mr. [illegible] [illegible].

They report the Order of Business as follows:

1 Introductory sermon

2 Names of those entitled to seats [illegible].

3 Organization.

4 Hand of fellowship given to visiting [illegible].

5 Appointment of Committees.

6 Call for petitionary letters.

7 Reports from the Churches.

8 Resolutions.

9 Reports from Committees.

10 Miscellaneous business.

11 Adjournment.

The Moderator announces the following committees:

On Religious Exercises [illegible] I. C. Butler and [illegible] W. [illegible].

On Finance. R. H. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Committee on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Eld. J. E. Willis; [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Eld. Ryan.

Conference adjourns to 9½ A.M. tomorrow. Prayer by J. H. Beattie.

Second Day. Friday Oct. 11.

Moderator is in the chair and Conference is called to order at 10 o'clock, A.M. Services are conducted by Elder Willis.

Roll is called and names enrolled as follows:

Elder [illegible] Strickland; J. H. Lucas, from Bethsaida; and Erasmus Lee from [illegible] Branch.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Reports from the Churches are made by letters, with verbal statements from the pastors.

Conference adjourns for preaching.

Elder [illegible] preaches from 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-14.

Afternoon Session.

Conference meets at 1:45 P.M.

Committee on [illegible] have no report.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: "Preaching [illegible] by Elders Freeman and Phillips; [illegible] by Elder [illegible]"

Committee on Ordination have nothing to report.

Committee on Revision of Discipline is allowed further time.

Committee on Finances makes the following report:

"We find in the hands of the Treasurer $33.75, minute-fund, of which $7.00 is designed for the State Conference.

W. H. Canaday
Raford Lucas } Committee"
Uriah West

The following report is presented by the Committee on Sabbath-schools:

✓ Having been appointed to look after the interest of Sabbath-schools, and to devise some plan to promote said interest we met and called a Convention, which was held Thursday before the second Sunday in August last.

A. H. Willis
J. W. Beattie } Committee.
C. B. Avery

Committee on Temperance report [same as last year] as follows:

"We find the Temperance cause exerting a healthful influence among our churches. Our ministers for the most part are advocates of total abstinence, and our membership generally sober. We recommend to ministers and laity perseverance in the good cause.

James Turnage
A. H. Willis &c. } Committee.

Conference adjourns to 9 a.m. to morrow. Prayer by John Moore.

Third Day - Saturday, 9:30, A. M.

Moderator is in the chair. Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder Robert Strickland.

Roll is called, and the names of James R. Barnes and C. H. Roberts from St. Mary's Grove, are enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Committee on Ministerial Education makes the following report:

"J. R. Lucas reports that he has advanced toward the education of J. W. Beattie, $26.50; toward that of C. B. Avery $28.50, and that he has received from the Committee only $38.50, leaving a ballance of $16.50 due him. The Committee has received $40.50, and now has in hand $2.00. We have tried to use advantage the means collected, and, believing that great good has already been accomplished, we so earnestly recommend perseverance in this direction. Respectfully submitted.

B. B. Holder }
Wm. Byrd } Committee.

The same Committee is continued.

The Moderator appoints Elders Byrd, Turnage, Johnson and Willis a Committee to examine the Book of Records.

The Moderator appoints as Committee on Temperance Elders Byrd, Turnage, Johnson and Thane, and C. B. Avery.

On Obituaries, Elders Byrd and Johnson.

✓ Remarks are made by Elder Holder and others on missions.

On motion, it is ordered to have printed five hundred copies of the minutes of this session of Conference.

The names of J. A. Hodges, from Bethsaida, and R. J. Norris from Pleasant Grove, are enrolled.

Elder Joseph Salmon, of Eastern Freewill Baptist Conference accepts a seat in Conference.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: "To preach tomorrow Elders Holder and Phillips; Elder Turnage to close services."

Committee on Records reports as follows:

"We find that our Recording Secretary has recorded in a business like manner the proceedings of all the Conferences held since 1866 except that of 1867 of which he could not obtain a manuscript."

Wm. Byrd }
Rufus A. Johnson } Committee.
A. H. Willis }

On motion the next session of Conference will be held with the church at [illegible] (formerly [illegible]) in Johnston County, commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1879. Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Wm. Byrd.

On motion the Moderator is requested to appoint a committee of five on the "Southern Baptist Association".

Elders Turnage, Byrd, Johnson, Tinder and Willis are appointed said committee. The Moderator is afterwards added.

Conference adjourned for preaching.

Elder James Turnage preached from Jno. 14: 6. Eld. Ray Phillips [illegible] from [illegible] 15, 21.

Afternoon Session.

Moderator calls Conference to order at 2 P.M.

Rev. Daniel Caldwell, of N. C. Conference of M. E. Church South, occupies a seat in Conference.

Moderator now announces as Committee on Ordination Elders James Turnage, Wm. Byrd and Allen Fowler.

Committee on Southern Baptist Association reports as follows:

"We the Committee appointed by this Conference to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Conference relative to the Southern Baptist Association and its organization, beg leave to submit the following resolutions; therefore,

✓ Resolved, 1st, That we cannot endorse the organization and proceedings of the Southern Baptist Association, for the following reasons: 1 Because it was not organized by the legal representatives chosen for that purpose but by proxies principally who, we believe could not properly represent the views and feelings of those whom they represented in that body. 2 Because the name "Southern Association" is too local to meet the demands as contemplated in the general union movement.

Resolved, 2nd, That we are yet in full sympathy with the general union movement, and that we are in favor of a general union of all Liberal Baptists of like faith.

Resolved, 3rd, That we recommend and earnestly desire that as early as practical, such steps should be taken by the several Liberal Baptist bodies as will lead to the final consummation of this glorious enterprise. Respectfully submitted

James Turnage
B. D. Holder
R. A. Johnson
Allen Fowler
A. H. Willis
Wm. Byrd
} Committee

After some debate the report is approved.

Elders James Turnage, Wm. Byrd, R. A. Johnson, A. Fowler and W. B. Avery are appointed a Committee on Home Missions.

Robert A. Daughety and Erasmus Lee are chosen as Delegates to the State Conference. Seven dollars are sent as a contribution for minutes of said Conference.

On motion the several Churches are requested to state in their letters to Conference the amount of money [illegible] the Conference.

On motion a petition is made [illegible] for next session of the State Conference to be held with Laurel Chapel Church Johnston County.

On motion the first Friday in December is appointed as a day of Thanksgiving and Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1879 as a day of Fasting and Prayer.

Vote of thanks is offered to the people in the vicinity for hospitality shown during the session.

Conference adjourns. Prayer by [illegible]

B. R. Holder Moderator

Robert A. [illegible] Secretary

Statistics &c. for 1878.

Churches	Counties	Pastor for 1879	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prospect	Harnett [illegible]	Eld. Wm. By	300	10				104	[illegible]
Bethsaida	"	" Jno. Turnage	500		1		2	131	
Pleasant Grove	"	" E. A. Johnson	200	8	1	2		89	8
* Long Branch	Cumberland	Unknown	300					109	
* Colyer's S.H.	"	"	150					10	
Shady Grove	Sampson	Eld. R. H. Johnson	400	8	1			100	7
Stony Run	"	" Wm. Byrd	200	24		1		67	[illegible]
New Hope	Johnston	" R. B. Holder	200					27	
* Laurel Chapel	"	Unknown	150					23	
Johnston Union	"	Eld. E. A. Johnson	250	3	6	5	1	52	
St. Mary's Grove	"	"	200	6		1		40	5
Stony Fork	"	"	100	3		1		32	2
* Union Spring	"	Unknown						16	
* Piney Grove	"	"	225					29	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	Eld. Wm. Byrd	200	14		2		51	[illegible]
			$33.75	76	8	12	3	942	[illegible]

* Membership as given last year.

Elders and Licentiates

1	James Ferrage	Averysboro N. C.
2	Allen Fowler	" "
3	B. B. Holder	Goldsboro "
4	Rufus A. Johnson	Elevation "
5	Wm. Gay	Averysboro "
6	S. B. Thane	Smithfield
7	H. H. Willis	Clay Sch.
8	Robert Strickland	Smithfield
9	John Moore,	Beasley Hill " (Ordained Sunday of Conf
11	J. Wilson Lucas	Fremont "

Licentiates. J. H. Beattie, C. C. Avery, John Watson.

Proceedings

Of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference, held at New Hope, Church, October, 1879.

Thursday October 9 1879

Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference convenes at New Hope Church according to appointment.

The minister appointed to preach the introductory sermon being absent, Eld. James Turnage is called upon and preaches a short sermon from 2 Cor. 6:1.

Immediately after the sermon, the Conference [illegible] Eld. [illegible], Eld. [illegible] act as Secretary [illegible]

Names of members present are enrolled as follows:

Elders.

James Turnage, S. B. Thame, [illegible] Smith, [illegible] Johnson, [illegible] Strickland, and J. W. Lucas.

Licentiates.

J. [illegible] Barber C. B. [illegible] and [illegible]

Delegates.

[illegible] [illegible] Johnson [illegible] [illegible] Long Branch, R. H. Draughon

[illegible] S. H. [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] S. [illegible]

Stony Run William J. Jernigan, H. W. Jernigan

New Hope J. B. Jernigan, William Bryant.

Johnston Union C. B. Barber, Charlie Barnes, Josiah [illegible] [illegible]

St. Mary's Grove, R. C. Langdon.

Stony Fork W. H. Barber, J. M. Stephenson

Union Springs, James A. Lee, S. H. Davis.

[illegible] A. J. Hill and [illegible]

J. H. Draughon is appointed teller for the election of a Moderator.

Elder [illegible] Johnson is elected on first ballot.

A misunderstanding having arisen relative to the Secretary's office, it is [illegible] that J. W. Lucas is regular Secretary [illegible] elected [illegible] term last year.

[illegible]

[illegible] a seat in Conference with

[illegible]

On motion the Order of Business of last year is adopted as follows.

1 Introductory Sermon
2 Names of those entitled to membership enrolled.
3 Organization
4 Hand of fellowship given to visiting brethren.
5 Appointment of Committees
6 Call for Petitionary Letters.
7 Reports from the Churches
Resolutions
9 Reports from Committees
10 Miscellaneous Business
11 Adjournment

The Pastor and Delegates from New Hope Church [illegible] Committee [illegible] Exercises during Conference.

On motion a Committee of Finance is appointed.

Committee [illegible]

Committee on Religious Exercises report: That J. J. Bul[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]"

On motion Conference will meet each day at 9:30 A.M. and adjourn at will.

[illegible] tomorrow. Prayer by Eld. [illegible]

Friday Morning, Octob. 10.

[illegible] appointed hour. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder [illegible]

[illegible] Names enrolled:

[illegible] Delegates from Piney Grove, B. C. Stanly [illegible] Jno. C. Baner; St. Mary's Gro. [illegible] New Hope B. Williams; Long Branch J. V. [illegible]; [illegible] chapel J. H. Corbitt Jno. E. Powell

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved

[illegible] of Eld. J. [illegible] is enrolled.

[illegible] report that Eld. Joseph Sal[illegible] [illegible] Baptist Conference [illegible] examined, found orthodox and his credentials [illegible]

On motion the name of J. Salmon is [illegible] upon the list of Elders [illegible] Conference

[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] promise of preaching sixty [illegible]
[illegible] majority of them ignored [illegible]
[illegible] gain in membership during the past year.

Committee on Revision of Discipline have no report [illegible] to resign.

[illegible]

The names of S. A. Colyer from Bethsaida [illegible] son from Union Springs are enrolled.

[illegible] out a revision of the old Discipline and [illegible] at a future meeting of Conference, at which time [illegible] payment for said work.

Elected [illegible]

Elected as a Committee of Consultation [illegible] Elder Byrd, [illegible]

Appointed as a [illegible] Sabbath School [illegible] and J. C. [illegible].

[illegible] are added to this Board.

Committee on Religious Exercises report, that Elder Holder preach tonight and Elders Byrd and Dunnage tomorrow.

Prayer by Elder Byrd. Conference adjourns.

Third Day, Saturday October 11

[illegible]

Elder J. [illegible] conducts the Devotional Exercises.

[illegible] called and name of licentiate G. Lee is enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Committee on Obituaries report as follows:

"[illegible] of our connection and the death of [illegible] report. Bro. Isaac [illegible], deacon of the Church at Colyer's S.H., departed this life during the past [illegible] year, [illegible] the faithfulness [illegible]

Respectfully &c.

[illegible]

Report of Board of Education is read by Secretary as follows:

Your Board has not been able to meet its financial obligations, we have not rendered assistance to any young minister since last Conference. We have collected five dollars of amount due [illegible] [illegible], and have paid over that and the ten dollars in hand to Eld. Lucas, leaving a balance of $9.50 [illegible]. Respectfully, &c.

Jesse Wilson }
Wm. Byrd, &c } Board.

Same Board continued.

Temperance Committee report:

We find that all our ministers are temperance men, and the bulk of our churches are generally so, with many teetotalers among them. The temperance cause is gaining ground and its benign influence is felt in all our congregations. We suggest that a Temperance Committee exist [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] our [illegible].

W. [illegible]
Julius Lucas } Committee

This report elicits interesting remarks from various members, from which it is seen that most of the church covenants contain a temperance pledge, (and that some ministers are not teetotalers.

Same Committee is continued.

Name of J. H. Hodges from Bethsaida is enrolled.

Finance Committee report:

We find in the hands of the Treasurer for this Conference $24.90, for State Conference $5.25. Total $30.15.

Thomas L. Bass }
Jas. Lee, &c. } Committee

On motion, Eld. Lucas is requested to transcribe into "Book of Records" the minutes of 1867, 1878 and 1879.

At the request of that church the name of the church at Colyer's S. H. is changed to Colyer's Chapel.

On motion the Secretary is ordered to have five hundred copies of the minutes of this Conference printed, and distribute them as usual.

On motion the Secretary is authorized to draw from the Treasurer the amount in hands for printing minutes of the Conference. He receives $24.90.

The following resolutions offered by [illegible] are read by the Secretary:

✓ 1stly, That we recommend [illegible] this Conference appoint a committee of three of its members to be styled a Committee on Prayer Meetings.

2ndly, That the duty of this Committee be to hold prayer Meetings as often as practicable, and invite all the members to participate in the same.

3rdly, That each church report in its letter [illegible] the result and progress thus accomplished.

These resolutions are adopted.

On motion proceed to locate next session of Conference.

Petitions are read from Johnston [illegible] and [illegible] Springs. A majority voting in favor of the latter, it is agreed to hold the next session with Union Springs church in Johnston County commencing Thursday before 2nd Sabbath in October, 1888. To preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder J. [illegible]; Alternate, Elder [illegible] Johnson.

Recess taken.

Saturday Afternoon

Conference re-assembles at 2:15 P.M.

By permission Elder [illegible] offers [illegible] Neuse Freewill Baptist Conference, [illegible] this Conference.

On motion letters of commendation are granted to Elder [illegible] and Licentiate [illegible] to unite with the Neuse Conference. They are regarded as members of this Conference until they have opportunity to enter the other.

On motion [illegible] and [illegible] are sent as fraternal messengers to Neuse Conference.

Elder [illegible] offers a resolution which is read by the Secretary as follows:

Resolved, That the resolutions passed at our last session, respecting the Southern Baptist Association, be and the same are hereby repealed. ✓

After some debate, Elder [illegible] offers to amend the resolution by adding after the word "repealed" the words "inasmuch as we are in no way connected with such an organization as a Southern Baptist Association"

On motion the amendment [illegible] accepted [illegible], then the resolution adopted [illegible]. ([illegible] voting [illegible])

[illegible] is [illegible] taken for [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]. They received [illegible] $4.23.

Committee on Religious Exercises report; Elder J. Solomon preach tonight; Elder Byrd and [illegible] tomorrow.

Thanks are tendered to the people in the vicinity for hospitality shown during the session.

Minutes of the day read and approved.

Prayer is offered by Elder Turnage.

Conference adjourns, followed by doxology and benediction.

Rufus A. Johnson, Moderator.

J. Wilson Lee[illegible], Secy
Robt. A. Arrington, Assistant

Statistical Table.

Churches	Counties	Pastors for the next Conference Year	For Minutes	Received	Died	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	No. Members	Net Increase or decrease
Prospect	Harnett	Rufus A. Johnson	$2.00	15		1		120	14 in
Bethsaida	"	" "	3.00		1	2	4	131	7 d.
Pleasant Grove	"	" "			2	5	1	81	8 d.
Long Branch	Cumberland	Rufus A. Johnson	3.00	6			3	111	3 in
Colyer's Chapel	"	Wm. Byrd	2.00	26	2			34	24 in
Shady Grove	Sampson	J. Solomon	3.50	8	1		4	102	3 in
Stony F[illegible]	"	A. Fowler	2.00		1	1	1	69	3 d.
New Hope	Johnston	R. Strickland	1.29	3	1	2	1	22	1 d.
Laurel Chapel	"	Turnage & Johnson	2.08	13		1		38	12 in
Johnston Union	"	Jas. Turnage	3.00	18	1	2	4	63	11 in
St Mary's Grove	"	R. A. Johnson	2.50	17			1	56	16 in
Stony Fork	"	" "	1.25	1				32	1 in
Union Springs	"	A. Fowler	.60	3		1		17	2 in
Piney Grove	"	R. Strickland	1.50	1	1			29	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	Wm. Byrd	1.00	2			2	51	
Total.			$30.04	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	21	954	67 in

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Elders and Licentiates

1	James Savage	Wilmington	N. C.
2	Allen Fowler	Burgaw	"
3	William [illegible]	"	"
4	[illegible] B. [illegible]	Goldsboro	"
5	Rufus [illegible] Johnson	Clinton	"
6	[illegible] Willis	Clay [illegible]	"
7	[illegible]	Smithfield	"
	Robt Strickland	"	"
9	John [illegible]	[illegible] Hill	"
10	[illegible] Dolan	[illegible]	"
11	[illegible]	Tremont	" (Princeton)

Licentiates – J. [illegible] Beattie, J. J. [illegible] [illegible] L. [illegible]

(Finis Feb. 4, 188[illegible]. [illegible])

Proceedings.

Union Springs Church. Johnston Co.
Thursday Oct. 7th 1880.

The congregation assemble in the church, and services are introduced by Elder R. A. Johnson at 12 M. Introductory sermon is preached by Elder J. Wilson Lucas, from Matt. xiii: 24: 30.

After a short recess conference is called to order by the Moderator, Elder R. A. Johnson. Opening services are conducted by Elder A. Fowler.

The names of members present are enrolled as follows:

Elders, A. Fowler, Wm. Byrd, R. A. Johnson, A. H. Willis, Robt. Strickland, John Moore, J. Salmon, J. Wilson Lucas.

Licentiates, J. M. Beattie, C. B. Avery, Thos. J. Holder.

Treasurer N. L. Barnes.

From Prospect, Jno. L. Ennis, W. R. Spence.
" Colyer's Chapel, James Rayner, G. Parker, D. J. Ammons.
" Shady Grove, Jesse Wilson, Wiley West, Wm. L. Godwin,
" Stoney Run, H. W. Jernigan, L. T. Jernigan. N. T. Barefoot,
" New Hope, B. Williams
" Johnston Union, A. W. Avery, J. M. Corbet.
" St. Mary's Grove, J. W. Coats, C. Roberts, J. W. Pollard.
" Stoney Fork, W. H. Cannaday, Alex. Byrd.
" Union Springs Jas. A. Lee, M. Stephenson, S. H. Davis.
" Piney Grove, S. S. Tyner, G. W. Salmon.
" Mt. Pleasant, A. G. Hill, Mark A. Myatt.

James M. Beattie and John L. Ennis are appointed tellers for the election of Moderator. Eld. R. A. Johnson is reëlected. The Moderator calls to his assistace Jesse Wilson of Shady Grove. On motion the Order of Business of last year is adopted with position of articles 5 and 6 exchanged as follows:

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Names of those entitled to membership enrolled
3. Organization
4. Hand of fellowship given to visiting brethren.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Reports from the churches.
8. Resolutions.

9. Reports from committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

A letter asking for admittance into the Conference is received from a church at West School-house organized by Eld. Byrd. This letter is referred to a committee consisting of Elders Byrd, Fowler and Salmon. Upon the recomendation of this committee, the church is received, and her delegate Joseph West takes seat in Conference.

The Pastor and Delegates of Union Springs church are appointed a committee on Religious exercises; and preachers are requested to report to the Secretary the texts used during the session of Conference.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach Friday Elders John Moore and J. Salmon.

It is agreed to meet in Conference each day at 10 A.M. and devote the first 30 minutes to religious exercises. Conference adjourns.

Prayr by Eld. Salmon.

Second day

Conference meets at 10:15 A.M. Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder Byrd.

Minutes of yesterday are read. Roll is called. Names of Hinton Ennis, delegate from Bethsaida Sylvester Turnage, from Johnston Union, and W.B. Norris and John W. Lucas from Pleasant Grove are enrolled.

Letters from the churches are read and verbal reports made by Pastors and delegates. With little exception these reports are highly encouraging.

Name of church at Stoney Fork is changed to Johnson's Chapel. — Recess for 25 minutes

The name of W. R. Stanley from Piney Grove is enrolled.

Leave of absence is granted to Thomas J. Holden for the remainder of the session.

The following preamble and resolution are offered by Elder Willis: Whereas, we have no traveling evangelist among us nor any plan for raising the funds necessary to meet the expenses of Evangelists, and whereas it is manifest that there is very great need of both: therefore

Resolved, That this Conference elect an Executive Committee of five members, who shall take the entire oversight over this work, do all in their power for its promotion and report to next Conference.

After debate, the preamble and resolution is adopted, and the Executive Committee elected as follows: N. L. Barnes, Wm L. Godwin, H. W. Jernigan, H. Ennis and James Rayner.

A petition received from certain members of Long Branch church is referred to a committee consisting of Elders Byrd, Fowler and Lucas.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach tomorrow Jas. M. Beattie A. H. Willis and Robt Strickland. Conference adjourns with prayer by A. H. Willis.

Third Day.

Conference is called to order at 10:30 A.M. The devotional services are lead by Eld. Salmon. Roll is called. Name of N. H. Lucas from Bethsaida is enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday are read.

Elder Byrd offers the following which is tabled after discussion: Resolved, That each church composing this Annual Conference shall be requested to state in their church letter to next session of this body whether they desire to become connected with the Southern Baptist Association, or not.

The following offered by Eld. Lucas is adopted Resolved. That from an experience of five years we have in no great degree realized the good which we expected as a result from our efforts towards union among liberal Baptists.

The following offered by Eld Lucas is debated and tabled: Resolved That it is manifest ~~that~~ Cape Fear Conference has not received any benefit nor contributed anything toward Christian union by her connection with the United Baptist Conference

Committee on Obituaries have nothing to report and are continued.

Board of Education have no report and are discharged.

Sunday School Board reports as follows:

In our respective localities we have done what we could to advance the Sunday School cause, and we think the interest in this work is increasing. As we continue laboring in this department we ask the co-operation of each member of this body.

Respectfully submitted

C. B. Avery for committee.

Report is accepted and the same Board, except the ministers is continued.

Committee on Temperance reports as follows:

We find that the Temperance cause is exerting over our ministers an influence which we trust will at no distant day cause them all to be teetalers. Our churches, also, are exerting themselves to their utmost to have a sober membership.

Respectfully submitted Wm Byrd for committee

The report is received and the same committee continued.

Elder Lucas reports on Revision of Discipline as follows:

Amid numerous difficulties the work of revising the Discipline has been begun and almost accomplished. It is suggested that the plan adopted at last session of Conference for revision of the Discipline will be found impracticable

J. Wilson Lucas

Report is received.

Elder Lucas reports that the work assigned to him on "Book of Records" has been done and asks that some one be requested to transcribe into same book the proceedings of the present session.

On motion Thomas L. Bass is requested to do this work

Recess is taken

Afternoon session.

Elders Fowler, Moore and Wm L. Godwin are sent in behalf of the Conference to a young man who begun to sell lemonade in the congregation and he is requested to cease all trafic on Conference grounds.

Elder Salmon volunteers to preach another sermon to the congregation in attendance.

The committee to whom the petition from Long Branch was referred, report as follows:

*✓ [We find Long Branch Church in a state of disorganization in consequence of an attempt by a few members to dis-band and reörganize said church. We also suggest that the custom of disbanding and reorganizing churches, rather than enforce proper discipline is unconstitutional and of dangerous tendency.

Wm Byrd
A. Fowler
J. Wilson Lucas
Committee

*✓ [Report is accepted, and the following plan, suggested by Elder Byrd, is recomended for the settlement of the difficulty at Long Branch: That Eld. Johnson call the church together and let them come to agreement if possible; if they fail to agree, let each of the parties select a minister, and let these select a third minister, and let the decision of these three ministers be final.]

Appointed a committee on Finance: H. W. Jernigan A. G. Hill

Petitions for next session of Conference are taken up. Next session will be held at St. Marys Grove Johnston county. Introductory Sermon to be preached by Elder Willis. To preach Denominational Sermon on Saturday of next session Eld. Wm Byrd.

Finance Committee report that they find in the hands of Treasurer $29.30 for Cape Fear Conference and $8.75 for United Baptist Conference

The Secretary is authorized to draw from the Treasurer $29.30 belonging to Cape Fear Conference. He is ordered to have printed 500 copies of the proceedings of this session and distribute as usual

For his services he is allowed the remainder of funds in hand after paying for printing and distributing the minutes.
James Rayner and C. Roberts volunteer their services as delegates to the U. B. Conference. They receive $8.75 as minute fund.
Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach tomorrow Elders Byrd Lucas and Johnson. Vote of thanks to the people in the vicinity for kindness shown during the session.
Minutes of the day are read.
Conference adjourns. Closing remarks and prayr by Elder Byrd.

R. A. Johnson Moderator

J. Wilson Lucas Secretary

At the Stage.

On Friday, Services are conducted by Elders Moore and Salmon.
On Saturday, services are conducted by Elders Willis, Strickland and Salmon.
On Sunday, services are conducted by Elders Salmon, Lucas and Johnson.

Statistics &c for 1880

Churches.	Counties	Pastors for 1881.	For Minutes. $	Received	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. Members	Increase	Decrease.
Prospect	Harnett.	R. A. Johnson	4.00	2	4	4	–	114	–	6
Bethsaida	Harnett.	R. A. Johnson	2.25	–	1	1	1	139	–	3
Pleasant Grove	Harnett.	A. Fowler.	2.00	–	–	–	1	80	–	1
Long Branch	Cumberland	R. A. Johnson.	3.00	–	–	–	–	*111	–	–
Clyers Chapel	Cumberland	Wm Byrd	2.00	22	1	–	1	53	20	–
Shady Grove	Sampson	J. Salmon	6.75	69	5	–	–	168	64	–
Stony Run	Sampson	A. Fowler	2.50	5	4	1	1	66	–	1
New Hope	Johnston	James Turnage	1.50	–	–	–	–	22	–	–
Laurel Chapel	Johnston	James Turnage, J. M. Brown	–	–	–	–	–	*38	–	–
Johnston Union	Johnston	Robert Strickland	3.50	7	–	–	1	69	6	–
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	R. A. Johnson, J. Moore	3.00	3	1	–	1	56	1	–
Johnson's Chapel	Johnson	R. A. Johnson	2.00	2	1	–	2	28	–	1
Union Springs	Johnston	J. Moore (or R. A. Johnson)	.50	–	–	–	–	16	–	–

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Statistics &c for 1880 (continued)

Churches	Counties	Pastors for 1881	For Minutes	Received	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. Members	Increase	Decrease
Piney Grove	Johnston	James Turnage	$ 2.55	20	3	—	1	45	16	—
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	A. Fowler.	1,50	—	1	—	—	50	—	1
West School-house	Cumberland	Wm Byrd	1.00	5	—	—	—	5	5	—
		Totals,	38.05	135	21	6	9	1060	99	12

* Last year's statistics.

Transcribed by Thomas L. Bass A.D. 1881.

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Proceedings

St. Mary's Grove Johnston Co N.C.

Thursday Oct 6th 1881

The Congregation assemble in the church, and services are opened by Elder R.A. Johnson at 12 m.

Introductory sermon is preached by Elder A H Willis from 1st Peter 5th chap 8th verse.

After a short recess Conference is called to order by the Moderator Elder R.A. Johnson, and J.R. Barnes is requested to act as Secretary Pro.tem.

Opening services are conducted by Elder J Salmon

The Conference then proceeded to election of officers for the ensuing year. Elder R A Johnson was relected Moderator and J.R. Barnes Secretary.

The Moderator called to his assistance Jesse Wilson of Shady Grove and to the assistance of the Secretary N.H. Lucas of Bethsaida.

The names of members present are enrolled as follows: Elders James Turnage Allen Fowler John Moor R.A Johnson A.H. Willis J. Salmon J.F. Hill and J.J. Butler.

Prospect Church - R.M. Canaday, N.W. Byrd & J.D. Avery.
Bethsaida - N. H. Lucas.
Pleasant Grove - Daniel Faircloth.
Shady Grove - Jesse Willson Needham Warren and J.G. King.
Johnston Union - A.W. Avery W.H. Averay and G.W. Corbett
St. Mary's Grove - M.L. Austin D.C. Johnson and J R Barnes
Johnson's Chapel - W.G. Barber and J D Stevens.
Union Springs - S.H. Davis and M. Stephenson
Piney Grove - S.S. Tyner
Mount Pleasant - A.G. Hill, J.E. Jolly and M.A. Myatt
West School House - Joseph West.
Colyer's Chapel - Josiah Jackson.

Letters asking for admittance into this Conference was received from New Prospect, Hood's Swamp and Friendship Churches from Wayne County. Their letters were received by the Committee Elders Turnage, Fowler and Salmon and on the recommendation of the same they were received.

Elders J.F. Hill and J.J. Butler presented their credentials to be received as Ministers of this Conferenc
Their credentials were referred to the ordaining council and on the reccommendation of the same they ~~they~~ were received and the hand of fellowship extended to them by the ministers present.
The Committee on religious exercise report to preach tomorrow Elders Salmon and Butler.
Nine thirty A.M. is the time appointed each subsequent day to open Conference.
On motion Conference adjourns with prayer by Elder Willis

Order Of Business.

1st Introductory Sermon.
2nd Organization.
3rd Names of those entitled to Membership
4th Call for Petitionary letters.
5th Hand of fellowship given to visiting bretre
6th Appointment of Committees
7th Reports from the churches.
8th Resolutions.
9th Reports from committees.
10th Miscellaneous business.
11th Adjournment.

Second Days Proceedings

Conference opens at 10 o'clock A.M.
Devotional services are conducted by Eld Turnage.
Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.
Roll is called.
The names of E.W. Parker, delegate from Pleasant Grove C. Temple from Piney Grove W.A. Norris and J.W. Taylor delegates from Long Branch are enrolled. The names of Jesse Smith and Martin Byrd Licentiates are enrolled.
Church letters are read and verbal reports made by Pastors. With few exceptions they are encouraging.

On motion, there shall be inserted in the minutes of this year a column for Babtism.

A committee of three consisting of Elders Turnage, Fowler & Hill are appointed to devise a plan to get and examine the manuscript of the revised Diciplin.

The committee on Diciplin report as follows: That there be a Committee elected by this Conference to get and exmine the new Diciplin and if said work be accepted, that the Treasure of this Conference pay for the same.

The report is recevid and the committee discharged.

On motion all the ordamed ministers of this Conference shall Compose the committee on Diciplin and that they make their report next yearly Conference.

The names of Lundee Lee from from Stony Fork and C.B. Avery from Prospect are enrolled as Licentiates.

The names of Elder Robt Strickland S.B. Thane and J.B. Jernigan delegates from New Hope are enrolled.

The names of Holly Lucas and W.R. Glover delegates from Colyer's Chapel are enrolled.

Leave of absence is granted Bro Joseph West for the remainder of the session.

The committee on Religious exercise report to preach to-night Elder Strickland; to-morrow Elders Fowler and Hill.

On motion Conference adjourns; prayer by Elder Hill.

Third Day.

Conference is called to order at 10 o'clock A.M.

Devotional services are opened by Elder Fowler.

Roll is called. Minutes of yesterday are read and approved. Sunday Board reports as follows:

In our respective localities we have done what we could to advance the sunday cause, and we think the interest in this work is increasing.

While we continue to labor in this department we ask the aid of each member of this Conference.

C.B. Avery, for Committee.

Report is accepted and same Board with the exception of Bros Draughon and Hill were continued Bros. Jolly and Pope were added.

The Committee on Temperence report as follows:

We find that the temperence cause is not exerting as great an influence over the ministry and laity of our churches as we desire: but it seems to be gaining ground, and we earnestly reccomment greater efforts in this work

James Turnage for Committee

The Executive Committee on Mission Work reports as follows: There has not been much done in this direction this year. We have received only 50 cents This was paid to Elder Salmon, who was appointed as missionary for this year.

N. Barnes for Committee.

After some remarks made by Elder Salmon relative to his labors this year the report was received and same Committee with the addition of Bro N Boyett was continued.

Conference adjourns for dinner.

Committee on Obituarise have nothing to report. and are continued.

The names of J.H. Pope delegate from Long Branch J.J. Wade delegate from Stony Run and J.A. Hodges delegate from Bethsaida are enrolled.

A Committee on Finance is appointed consisting of A.G. Hill, J.B. Jernigan and A.W. Avera.

A collection of $5.00 is taken up and placed in the hands of Elder R.A. Johnson to get the Book of Records out of the hands of Thomas Bass.

Petitions for next session of conference are received. Next session will be held with Shady Grove church Sampson County N.C.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Jos. Salmon, Finance Committee report that they find in the hands of the Treasurer $56.59; for Cape Fear Conference United Conference $4.50; Disciplie $16.19 Education $2.00.

Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach to-night Elder Willis; to-morrow Elders Johnson and Turnage. The secretary is authorized to draw from the Treasurer $33.90 belonging to the Cape Fear Conference. He is ordered to have painted 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference; he is allowed the remainder of funds in hand after paying for printing and distributing the same.

N. L. Barnes and A. W. Avera volunteer their services and are sent as delegates to the United Conference they carry $4.50 for the minute funds.

A vote of thanks is given the people in the community for kindness shown during the session.

Minutes of the day are read and approved Conference adjourns. Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Turnage.

Elder R. H. Johnson Moderator.

James R. Barnes Secretary.

At The Stand.

On Friday Elders Salmon and Butler conduct services.
On Saturday Elders Fowler and Hill officiate.
On Sunday Elders Johnson and Salmon preach.

P. S. Lundee Lee a Licentiate was examined by the Ordaining Council on Sunday morning and found Orthodox. Owing to the feebleness of Elder Turnage, Elder Salmon preached the closing sermon on Sunday.

Statistics &c., For 1881.

Churches:	Counties	pastors for 1882.	For minutes	Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died.	No. Members,	Increase,	Decrease.
Prospect	Harnett.	R.A. Johnson	2.00	3	--	--	3	1	119	5	
Bethsaida	Harnett.	A. Fowler	2.00	--	--	1	3	-	122	-	4
Pleasant Grove	Harnett.	A. Fowler	2.00	--	--	,,	--	-	77	-.	
Long Branch	Cumberland	R.A. Johnson	----	--	--	,,	--	-	111*	-	
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberland	William Byrd.	2.00	2	--	,,	1	2	52	-	1
Shady Grove	Sampson	J. Salmon	3.00	7	--	4	1	-	170	2	
Stony Run	Sampson	A. Fowler	1.75	3	2	2	1	-	65	-	1
New Hope	Johnston	Robt Strickland	----	4	--	,,	--	-	26	-	
Laurel Chapel	Johnston	Turnage or Beaty	3.00	--	--	,,	--	-	38*	-	
Johnston Union	Johnston	James Turnage.	2.00	4	5	3	--	-	73	4	
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	R.A. Johnson.	2.00	--	--	--	--	-	58	-	
Johnston's Chapel	Johnston	R.A. Johnson.	50	10	6	--	--	-	39	11	
Union Springs	Johnston	J. Moore.	1.65	--	--	4	--	-	16	-	
Piney Grove	Johnston.	S.B. Thain	1.50	2	--	--	2	2	38	-	7
Mt. Pleasant	Wake.	A. Fowler.	2.00	--	--	--	2	1	47	-	3
West School House	Cumberland	Wm Byrd	3.00	--	--	1	--	-	5	-	
New Prospect	Wayne.	J.F. Hill.	3.00	6	--	--	2	1	50	2	
Hood's Swamp	Wayne.	J.F. Hill.	2.00	2	--	--	1	-	48	1	
Friendship	Wayne	J.F. Hill.	2.00	--	--	--	--	-	14	-	
			$35.40	43	13	15	16	7	1168	29	16

* Last year's Statistics

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Minutes of the
Twenty=Eight Anual Session
# of the
Cape Fear
Free=Will Baptist Conference.
held with
Shady Grove church Sampsow Co N.C.
Oct. 5-th 6th and 7th 1882.

Officers.

Moderator:
Elder James Turnage.

Treasurer:
N. L. Barnes

Secretary:
James R. Barnes, Leachburg Johnston Co, N.C.

Committees:

On printing Disciplin – Elder R. H. Johnson and Bros N. L. Barnes and J. G. Johnson.

On Sunday School Board – S. D. Jackson, N. L. Barnes, C. B. Avery, J. H. Pope, J. E. Jolly, N. H. Lucas, J. G. Johnson and J. R. Barnes.

On Obituaries – Elders Byrd and Johnson.
On Temperence – Elders Byrd and Turnage.

Elders and Licentiates

1 Elder James Turnage, Wilson Mills, Johnston Co, N. C.
2 " Allen Fowler, Averasboro, N. C.
3 " Wm Byrd Averasboro, N. C.
4 " R. H. Johnson Elevation, Johnston Co, N. C.
5 " S. B. Thane Glenmore, Johnston Co. N. C.
6 " Robt. Strickland Rhodesville, Johnston Co N. C.
7 " H. H. Willis Bass, Sampson Co, N. C.
8 " John Moore Beasley Hill Johnston Co. N. C.
9 " J. Salmon Bass, Sampson Co N. C.
10 " J. W. Lucas Tenn.
11 " J. F. Hill Goldsboro, N. C.
12 " Lundee Lee Giles Mill N. C.
13 " jesse Smith Clayton N. C.

Licentiates – J. M. Beattie C. B. Avery Thomas I. Holder and Martin Byrd.

Proceedings.

Shady Grove, Sampson Co., N. C.
Thursday Oct. 5th 1882.

The congregation assembled and services are opened in the church by Elder James Turnage at 12 m. Elder Joseph Salmon preached the Introductory Sermon, from Ecclesiastes 9th chap.. 12th and 15th. After a short recess Conference is called to order by the Moderator Elder R. A. Johnson.

J. R. Barnes serving as Secretary.

Opening services are conducted by Elder R. A. Johnson.

The names of members present are enrolled as follows: Elders James Turnage, Allen Fowler, R. A. Johnson, Robt Strickland H. H. Willis Joseph Salmon Lundee Lee and Jesse Smith.

Licentiates - C. B. Avery and J. Mc. Beattie
Treasurer - N. L. Barnes.
Secretary - J. R. Barnes.

Prospect church - J. D. Avery (J. G. Johnson and W. A. Johnson prox.)
Bethsaida church - J. A. Hodges.
Pleasant Grove church - D. Faircloth and A. S. Lucas.
Long Branch church - W. O. Norris and F. S. Tart.
Colver's Chapel church - W. R. Glover and S. Carter.
Shady Grove church - J. H. Harris S. D. Jackson and D. Lockamy.
Stony Run church - J. J. Wade and H. W. Jernigan.
Johnston Union church - A. W. Avery C. L. Barnes and G. G. Beattie.
St Mary's Grove church - M. L. Austin D. C. Johnson and R. E. Langdon.
Johnson's Chapel church - W. H. Canaday and R. J. Cof
Union Springs church - Merrit Stephenson.
Piney Grove church - G. W. Salmon.
Mt. Pleasant church - J. E. Jolly.

J.M. Beattie and C.B. Avery are appointed tellers for the election of Moderator.

Elder James Turnage is elected Moderator and calls to his assistance Elder R.A. Johnson.

It is decided by the Conference that J.R. Barne was elected permanant insted temporary Secretary in the Conference of 1881. The Secretary calls to his assistance C.B. Avery.

The committee on Religious Exercise composed of the Pastor and Dolegates of Shady Grove Church report to preach Friday Elder Fowler at 11 A.M. followed by Bro. J.M. Beattie.

Nine A.M. is the time agreed on to open Conference on Friday and Saturday.

The Order of Business of 1880 is adopted for 188

On motion, Conference adjourns with prayer by Elder Fowler.

Order of Business of 1882.

1 Intro-ductory Sermon.
2 Names of those entitled to membership.
3 Organization.
4 Call for Petitionary Letters.
5 Hand of Fellowship given to visiting brethren.
6 Appointment of Committees.
7 Reports from the Churches.
8 Resolutions.
9 Reports from Committees.
10 Miscellaneous business.
11 Adjournment.

Second Day's Proceedings.

Conference opens at 9 A.M. with devotional services by Elder Turnage.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Roll is called.

The name of J. W. Taylor delegate from Long Branch is enrolled.

Letters from the churches are read, and verbal reports made by their Pastors. With but very few exceptions they are highly encouraging.

Conference adjourns ten minutes for recreation.

Resolution offered by Elder R. A. Johnson to change the time for holding our Annual Conference from Oct. to November is adopted (see Resolutions)

Resolution by Elder H. H. Willis concerning Sabbath School reports in Minutes of this year is adopted. (See Resolutions and Reports.)

Conference adjourns one hour for dinner.

The name of N. H. Lucas delegate from Bethsaida is enrolled.

✓ The report of the Board on Mission work is received and Board discontinued. See Resolutions and Rep'ts

The Sabbath School Board report.

Their report is received and same Board continued with the exception of Bro Hill. (See Resolutions and Reports.)

Report of Committee on Discipline is received and committee discharged. (See Resolutions and Reports)

Committee on religious exercise report to preach tonight Elder R. A. Johnson; tomorrow Elder H. H. Willis at 11 A.M. to be followed by Elder Robt Strickland.

On motion Conference adjourns with prayer by Elder Willis.

Third Day's Proceedings.

Conference is called to order at 9 A.M. with devotional exercises by Elder R. A. Johnson.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Roll is called.

On motion a collection of $4.80 is taken up to to supply the deficiency in the Discipline funds.

On motion $25.00 the Discipline fund is placed in the hands of the Treasurer to get the manuscripts of the Discipline from Elder Lucas; and [illegible] committee.

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of three composed of Elder R.A. Johnson Bros. N.L. Barnes, and J.G. Johnson are appointed to attend to having the Disciplin published. They are authorized to have five hundred copies printed and the different churches composing the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference are to pay their pro rata part for the printing of the same.

On motion a collection of $7.71 to pay for the printing of the proceedings of Sunday School Convention in connection with the Minutes of this Conference.

On motion Bros. N.H. Lucas, S.D. Jackson and J.G. Johnson are added to the Sunday School Board. And the Board are allowed to add a clause to their report recomending the use of non sectarien books in our Sunday Schools.

✓ [On motion a committee of five are appointed by the Moderator to consider and report upon the case of J.J. Butler. The committee report that they find the charges against J.J. Butler true and that said Butler be requested to forward his credential to the Secretary of the Conference and that he be considered no longer an Elder of this Conference.]

✓ On motion the report is received and Committee discharged.

On motion Elder R.A. Johnson is requested to hand over to the Secretary of this Conference the Books of Record procured by order of last Conference.

A committee on Finance consisting of H.W. Jernigan and J.A. Hodges are appointed

Conference adjourns one hour for dinner.

Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach to-night Bro. J.M. Beattie tomorrow Elders Turnage and Johnson

Finance committee report that they find with the Treasurer $26.25 for Cape Fear Conference $4.25 for United Conference $7.71

for Sunday School Report $25.00 for Disciplin

The report is received and committee discharged

Petitions for next session of this Conference are received. Next session will be held with Mt Pleasant Church Wake Co., N.C. opening on thursday before the 2nd Sunday in November 188

The Secretary is authorized to draw from the Treasurer $26.25 for Cape Fear Confer $7.71 for Sunday School Report. He is ordered to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this session with Sunday School Reports. He is allowed the remainder of funds in hand after paying for the same.

Bros J. E. Jolly and T. L. Barnes offer their services and are delegated to the United Conference

Bro. G. G. Beattie and C. L. Barnes are accepted as alternates.

The minute fund for the United Conference is sent by the delegates.

On motion Elder R. H. Johnson will preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Annual Conference.

A vote of thanks is given the people of the vicinity for kindness shown during this session.

Minutes of the day are read and approved.

11 Conference adjourns with closing remarks by Elder Turnage and prayer by Elder Fowler.

Elder James Turnage
Moderator.

J. R. Barnes
Secretary.

Resolutions Adopted & Reports Received.

Resolution by Elder R.A. Johnson, as follows: Whereas, the time for holding our Annual Conference is to early to meet the convenience of many of our Brethren. Be it therefore Resolved that the time for holding our Annual Conference be changed so as to meet on Thursday before the second Sunday in November.

Resolution by Elder A.H. Willis, as follows: Resolved that there be a neat condensed report on Sabbath School work included in our minutes of this year.

Report of Mission Board, as follows We have presented our claims on various occasions and have not met with any success

We ask that this committee be dismissed

Report of Sunday School Board as follows: While we cannot claim that we have done much Board work, we have been exerting our influence to some extent and we are pleased to see that the interest in this work is increasing

We earnestly recommend the use of nonsectarian publications in our Sabbath Schools and ask all to give us their assistance in forwarding this grand work.

C.B. Avery, Chairman for Board.

Report of Committee on Disciplin as follows: We have examined the manuscripts as revised by Elder J.W. Lucas and received the work and have sent it back to Elder Lucas to prepare for the press.

R.A. Johnson for Com.

Report received, and committee discharged.

The Committee on Temperance Report as follows:

We find that temperance cause is not exerting as great an influence over the Ministry and Laity of our Churches as we desire but seems to be gaining ground and we earnestly recommend greater efforts in this work.

James Turnage
for Committe.

The report is receiv'd and the same Committee continued.

Statistics For 1882.

Churches.	Counties.	pastors for 1882.	for Minutes.	Rec'd	Baptized	Excluded	Dismised	Died	Pastors' support	No members	Increase	Decrease
Prospect.	Harnett.	A. Fowler.	2 00	26	25	2	1			144	22	
Bethsaida.	Harnett.	A. Fowler.	3 00				2	2		118		4
Pleasant Grove.	Harnett.	Lundee Lee.	1 50					2		77		
Long Branch.	~~Cum~~ Cumberland	R.A. Johnson.	2 00					2		85		26
Colyer's Chapel.	Cumberland	J. Salmon.	2 00	6	5			1		56	4	
Shady Grove.	Sampson.	J. Salmon.	4 00	2		4	2			161		9
Stony Run	Sampson.	Lundee Lee.	2 00			2			$15.67	63		2
New Hope	Johnston.	Robt Strickland	2 00	6	6	3				29	3	
Laurel's Chapel.	* Johnston.	Turnage or Moore.	1.00							38		
Johnston Union.	Johnston.	Turnage or Smith.	4 00	12	6				$15.00	84	11	
St Mary's Grove.	Johnston.	R.A. Johnson.	2 00	6	6		1	1		63	5	
Johnston's Chapel.	Johnston.	R.A. Johnson.	2 00	1			2			40	1	
Union Springs.	Johnston	R.A. Johnson.	50							12		3
Piny Grove.	Johnston	Robt Strickland	1.00			1		1		36		2
Mt Pleasant.	Wake	Turnage and Smith	1 50	2					$60.00	49	2	
West's School House	Cumberland	Wm Byrd								5		
New Prospect.	* Wayne	J.F. Hill.								50		
Woods Swamp	* Wayne	J.F. Hill.								48		
Friendship.	Wayne.	J.F. Hill.								14		
* last year statistics			$30.00	61	48	17	8	9	$90.67	1072	48	46

Condensed Minutes
# of the
Cape Fear Free-Will
Baptist Sunday School Convention
Held With
Bethsaida Church Harnett C., N.C.
Saturday September 2nd 1882.

Convention opened with prayer.
Bro N. H. Lucas was requested to act as Secretary during the meeting. The attendance was larger than in any previous Convention.

Choirs from the following churches were present: Shady Grove church Sampson Co S. Jackson and Elder A. H. Willis, leaders Stony Run church Sampson Co. B. H. Jernigan Jr., leader Johnson's Chapel Johnston Co., Elder Wm Byrd teacher Prospect church Harnett Co James Johnson leader Colyer's Chapel church Cumberland Co Prof. Lowery teacher Elevation church Johnston Co Britain Smith leader. The several Classes were arranged for singing when Elder Wm Byrd addressed them briefly. After which several songs were sung, which were very melodious.

Elder R A Johnson being called on for a speech responded in an interesting speech pointing out the good of a Sunday School.

Convention [illegible] for dinner

Reports [illegible] of the [illegible] were [illegible] highly encouraging. [illegible] statements [illegible] showing [illegible] Schools [illegible] in a flourishing condition.

The [illegible] each school [illegible] requested to send an annual statement of [illegible] during the year [illegible] expended.

On motion the Sunday School Board is requested to prepare programme for the [illegible]

On motion the Sunday School Board are requested to solicit the aid of one or more efficient speakers to address the next Annual Celebration.

Petitions for next meeting of the Celebration were received.

Next session will be held with St Mary's Grove Church, Johnson Co on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct 1883.

On motion the meeting adjourned by consolidating the classes and singing convention hymn "Oh! what a song!" Remarks by the secretary

The Sunday School cause is assuming wonderful proportions and is becoming a great instrument for good.

In the world there are 1,559,923 Sunday School Teachers 13,663,523 Scholars
In the United States there are 84,730 Sunday Schools

932,283 Teachers and 6,820,835 Sunday Scholars. In North Carolina there are 4,197 Sunday Schools, 33,576 Teachers and 197,936 Scholars.

From a study of the above statistical table we may have some idea of the magnitude of the grand work.

A vast number of people are engaged in this great work and with this vast multitude thorough organization and systematic methods are essential.

The Sunday School has appropriately been called the nursery of the church.

Children should be brought up in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

The people should be educated spiritually. The Bible tells us a man may believe a lie and be damned.

If the truth be pressed upon the minds of the young, infidelity will not erase it.

Sunday School Index for 1882.

Churches.	Counties.	Sup'tdents.	$ Raised	No. Pupils
[illegible],	Harnett	Eli Hales.	$12.50	100
Mt [illegible] Grove,	Johnston	I.C. Johnson	7.00	108
Johnson Chapel	Johnston	R.W. Johnson	5.00	78
Stoney Run,	Sampson		7.20	56
Johnston Union,	Johnston	S.C. Turnage.	5.00	60
Prospect,	Harnett			108
Shady Grove.	Sampson		7.80	106

Minutes

of the

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

of the

Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference

held with

Mt. Pleasant Church Wake Co. N. C.

Nov. 8th, 9th and 10th 1883

Officers.

Moderator - Eld. J. T. L.
Treasurer - J. L. Barnes
Secretary - James R. Barnes, [illegible]burg Johnston County North Carolina

Committees:

On Dicipline - Elder R.C. Johnson and Bros. N. L. Barnes and J. D. Johnson.

On Sunday School Board - S. D. Jackson N. L. Barnes C. B. Horne J. H. Pope J. C. Jolly L. H. Lucas J. D. Johnson and Jno Barnes

On Obituaries - Elders Boyd and Johnson

On Temperance - Elders Boyd and Moore.

Elders and Licentiates:

1st Elder Wm Fowler [illegible] N.C.
2nd Wm Boyd " "
3rd R.C. Johnson [illegible] Johnston Co "
4th C. B. Horne [illegible] Johnston Co N.C.
5th Robt. Strickland [illegible] Johnston Co N.C.
6th H. H. Willis Bass Sampson Co N.C.
7th Jno Moore [illegible] Hill Johnston Co N.C.
8th Joseph [illegible] Bass Sampson Co N.C.
9th J Wilson Lucas [illegible]
10th J. T. Hill Goldsboro N.C.
11th [illegible] Lee [illegible] Mill N.C.
12th Jesse Smith Clayton Johnston Co N.C.

Licentiates - James E. Beattie Thomas J. [illegible] C. B. Horne and Henry G. Dodd.

Proceedings.

(Mt. Pleasant, Wake County N.C.
Thursday November 8th 1883)

The congregation assembled and services are opened at 12 M. by Elder Hill in the church.
Introductory sermon is preached by Elder R. A. Johnson from 1st Corinthians 13 chapter and 13th verse.

After a short recess Conference is called to order by Elder R. A. Johnson the assistant Moderator.

The names of members are enrolled as follows.

Elders Allen Fowler John Moore R. A. Johnson J. C. Hill, A. H. Willis and Jesse Smith.

Moderator - [illegible] Dodd.
Treasurer - D. L. Barnes.
Secretary - James R. Barnes.

[illegible] church - J. [illegible] and C. [illegible]
Bethsaida church - B. A. Jordan [illegible] and J. Dunning.
Long Branch church - J. T. Wade and Erasmus Lee.
Colyer's Chapel church - W. R. Glover.
Shady Grove church - W. L. Godwin and Jesse Wilson.
Stony Run church - J. C. Wade.
Johnson's Union church - C. H. Avery W. H. Avery and C. J. Barnes.
St. Mary's Grove church - J. H. Pollard and D. C. Johnson
Johnson's Chapel church - J. H. Canaday J. P. Canaday and J. D. Stone
[illegible] Springs church - S. H. [illegible] R. H. Stone and J. W. Gregory.
Mt. Pleasant church - D. S. Hill W. S. Hill and Barna King.
[illegible] church - J. J. Roberts.

[illegible] [illegible] Committee [illegible] are appointed [illegible] for the [illegible] of Moderator. [illegible] [illegible] and calls to his [illegible] Elder R. C. Johnson.

The Secretary [illegible] to [illegible] Brother James P. C[illegible].

On motion the [illegible] of Business for 1889 is adopted.

Elder Jesse Smith and delegate of Mt. Pleasant church are appointed [illegible] Committee on Religious Exercises.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is made. [illegible] [illegible] visiting brethren. Rev. J. G. Bell [illegible]

Conference of [illegible] [illegible] forward and the Moderator extends to him the hand of fellowship and all the privileges extended to visitors.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach Friday Elder [illegible] at 10:30 A.M. followed by Elder Willis. 10:30 A.M. sharp [illegible] agreed on to open Conference on Friday and Saturday.

On motion the Conference adjourns until 10:30 A.M. Friday in honor of Elder James [illegible] deceased.

Second Days Proceedings.

Mt Pleasant Church [illegible] County [illegible] Aug 9th 89

The Conference opened at 10:30 A.M. with the devotional exercise by Elder R. C. Johnson. Roll is called. The names of Elder Wm. Boyd, and James [illegible] delegates from Piney Grove church are enrolled. Minutes of yesterday was read and approved. A Finance Committee of three consisting of Bro. [illegible] [illegible] and J. D. Ward was appointed.

Letter from the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible].

Conference adjourns [illegible]ty minutes for dinner.

Leave of absence is granted Bros. Jesse Wilson and J. [illegible] for the [illegible]

Resolution offered by Elder Byrd concerning the appointment of a Committee of five to draft suitable resolutions of respect to Elder [illegible] is adopted.

(See Resolutions and Reports)

Conference [illegible] as the committee on Resolutions of respect to Elder James Turnage Elder [illegible], Byrd and Johnson, and Bros. R.A. [illegible] and J.C. Barnes.

On motion the [illegible] of this [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] is made the special order of business for Saturday at [illegible]

The committee on Religious Exercises report to preach tonight Elder R.A. Johnson.

Tomorrow at 10.30 A.M. Elder Wm Byrd to be followed by Rev. J.S. Bell.

On motion the Conference adjourns with benediction by Elder Wm Byrd.

Third Day's Proceedings.

Conference opens at 10 A.M. with devotional service by Elder J.F. Hill. Roll is called.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The names of Revs. J.E. Jones Christian and E. Pope Methodist visiting brethren are enrolled.

On motion Rev. J.E. Jones will preach the first sermon today instead of Elder Byrd.

S.S. Board reports. Their report is received and [illegible] (See Resolutions and Reports)

The Committee on C[illegible] report

[illegible] to [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible]

The Committee on [illegible] report.
Their report is received and the Committee
continued with [illegible] of Eld.
W. H. Willis. See Report

The report of the Committee on Revising
Discipline is received and said Committee
continued. (See R.)

On motion the Secretaries of the different
S Schools are requested to send a condensed
report of their S Schools to the secretary
of this Conference each year.

On motion the rules are suspended
and the order of business for 1 o'clock
to-day is taken up.

The report of the Committee on resolutions
of respect to Elder Damage deceased is
received and Committee discharged (See R.)

On motion a committee consisting of
Elder Johnson, Boyd, Hill and Willis are
elected to solicit funds and have a
suitable monument erected over the remains
of Elder James Damage deceased.

Conference adjourns 60 minutes for dinner

Finance Committee report that they paid
to the Treasurer $27.70 for the Day Star
Conference and 25¢ for the United Conference

The report is received and the Committee
discharged.

Resolution by Elder Boyd concerning the Union
or [illegible] of our connection with the United
Conference is adopted (See R.)

Resolution by Bro J. G. Johnson to appoint
Fraternal Messengers to the N. C. and Va. Christian
Conference is adopted (See R.)

Conference appoints as Fraternal Messengers to
Christian [illegible] Conference Bro J. G. Johnson and
[illegible]

On motion Elder John Moore is elected one of the ordaining council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elder [illegible].

On motion the [illegible] raised for the [illegible] [illegible] is paid to the Secretary. He is [illegible] to print [illegible] copies of the minutes of this session and to pay for the printing and distributing the same. He is allowed $10 for his services out of the remainder of funds in hand.

Petitions for the next session of the Conference is accepted. Next session will be held with the church at [illegible] Chapel Cumberland county N.C. commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in November 1852.

On motion Elder Hill will preach the Introductory sermon, at the next annual Conference or his alternate Elder Allen Fowler.

A vote of thanks is given the people of the vicinity for kindness shown this session.

Minutes of the day are read and approved.

Conference adjourns with closing remarks by Elder Fowler

Elder J. [illegible]

J. R. Bains Secretary

Resolutions and Reports

Resolutions of Respect to Elder James Turnage deceased.

Whereas, Almighty God in his all wise providence has seen fit to call from time into eternity our beloved Brother Elder James Turnage deceased, Therefore be it resolved.

1st That we bow with humble resignation to this mournful dispensation of His providence

2nd That we will ever cherish his memory in our hearts; for those of us who knew him best loved him most.

3rd That although he had for many years been a professor of the Christian religion and a minister of the Gospel yet we never knew him under the most trying circumstances of life to disgrace his profession as a disciple of our Saviour or stain his ministerial ermine.

4th That we will always try to emulate his virtues, follow his examples and cast a [illegible] over his imperfections.

5th That as a citizen he was law abiding peaceable and quiet; as a neighbor obliging as a father kind and affectionate as a husband loving and tender as a minister strong and zealous in his convictions, always pressing them to what he conceived legitimate ends.

6th That while we are keenly sensible of the irreparable loss we as a denomination have sustained in his death; we sorrow not as those that have no hope for we believe that our loss is his eternal gain.

7th That we extend our warmest sympathies to his afflicted family and relatives in their sad bereavement.

8th That [illegible]

to his family and the "Baptist Union" for publication.

William Boyd for Committee

Resolution by Elder R. C. Johnson:

Resolved, That this conference elect four of its members as a committee to solicit funds to purchase a suitable monument and have the same placed over the remains of Elder James [illegible] deceased.

Resolution by Elder William Boyd:

Resolved, That the question of Union or no Union with the United Baptist Conference be submitted to the churches of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference next Conference year and that the result of such action be stated in their church letters to the Conference next year

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Report of Committee on Discipline.

We have received the manuscript and have published the Discipline as ordered by the Conference.

R. C. Johnson
for Committee

Statistics of Churches for 1883.

Churches.	Counties	Pastors' for 1883.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prospect	Harnett	[illegible] Lee	1.00			2	6			133		8
[illegible] *	[illegible]	Allen [illegible]								118		
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Lundee Lee.	[illegible]			4		1		74		3
[illegible] Branch	Cumberland	R. A. Johnson	2.00	7	5		1	3		84	6	
[illegible] Chapel	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]						3864.00	59	3	
Shady Grove	Sampson	A. H. M'Willi	[illegible]		10			2	33.70	161		
Stoney Run	Sampson	Lundee Lee	1.00			2	2		14.50	98	35	
[illegible]	Johnston	Isaac Smith	1.00		1	1		1		29		
[illegible] Chapel *	Johnston	Isaac Smith	1				2			38		
Johnston Union	Johnston	Isaac Smith	1.50			1	2			90	6	
St. Mary's Grove.	Johnston.	O. R. Johnson	1.50				1			61		2
[illegible] Chapel	Johnston	O. R. Johnson	2.00							53	7	
[illegible] Springs	Johnston	[illegible]	.50	7	7					19	7	
Piney Grove *	Johnston	[illegible]					1	1		36		
Mt Pleasant	Wake	O. R. Johnson	1.50				1		34.55	50	1	
[illegible] School House	Cumberland	[illegible]	.50	1	1				23.50	6		
New Prospect *	[illegible]	[illegible]								50		
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3.00							47		
Friendship *	[illegible]	[illegible]								14		

* Statistics of last year.

Minutes

of the
Thirtieth Annual Session
of the
Cape Fear

Free=Will Baptist Conference

— Held With The Church At —
Colyer's Chapel Cumberland C N.C
Nov. 6th, 7th, and 8th 1884

Officers.

Moderator - R. A. Johnson.

Treasurer - H. W. Jernigan.

Secretary - A. W. Gregory, Barclaysville, Harnett County, North Carolina.

Committees.

On Obituaries - Elders Wm Byrd, R. A. Johnson and Bro. J. G. Johnson.

On Temperence - Elders Wm Byrd. John Moore and R. A. Johnson.

On Ministerial Character - Bros. N. H. Lucas, Ransom West, J. G. Johnson, J. B. Jernigan and J. P. Canaday.

Sunday School Board - S. D. Jackson C. B. Avery, J. H. Pope, J. E. Jolly and N. H. Lucas.

Elders and their Post Office Address.

1st Allen Fowler, Averasboro, Harnett Co, N. C.
2nd Wm Byrd, Averasboro, Harnett Co, N. C.
3rd R. A. Johnson, Ezra, Johnston. Co. N. C.
4th S. B. Thane, Glenmore Johnston Co N. C.
5th Robert Strickland, Rhodesville Johnston Co N. C.
6th A. H. Willis, Bass, Sampson, Co N. C.
7th John Moore, Beasley Hill Johnston. Co, N. C.
8th Joseph Salmon Bass Sampson Co N. C.
9th [illegible] Lucas [illegible]

10th J. F. Hill, Goldsboro, Wayne Co. N.C.
11th Lunder Lee, Giles Mill, Cumberland Co. N.C.
12th Jesse Smith, Clayton, Johnston Co. N.C.

Licentiates — Henry L. Dodd & R. C. Wallace.

Ordaining Council:

Elders Moore, Johnson and Fowler.

Proceedings.

First Day.

Colyer's Chapel Church, Cumberland Co. N.C.
Thursday November 6th, 1884.

The congregation assembles and in the absence of Elder Hill, who was elected by last Conference to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Fowler his alternate being present, proceeds and preaches the introductory sermon from Acts, 10C. 33v.

After an intermission of 10 minutes Conference is called to order by Elder R.A. Johnson, the assistant Moderator.

The name of members present are enrolled as follows:

Elders:

Allen Fowler, John Moore R.A. Johnson
Wm Byrd Joseph Salmon and Lunder Lee.

Licentiates:

[illegible]

Delegates:

Prospect Church - J. G. Johnson and L. M. Ryals.
Bethsaida Church - N. H. Lucas and C. Pleasant.
Long Branch Church - W. A. Norris and J. W. Wade.
Colyer's Chapel - Jas E. Lucas James Rayner and Alexander Norris.
Shady Grove - S. T. Jackson and Ranson West.
Stony Run - J. J. Wade and H. W. Jernigan.
Johnston Union - Silvester Turnage Jacob Wheeler and Josiah Corbett.
St. Mary's Grove - J. W. Pollard and J. R. Barnes.
Johnson's Chapel - W. H. Barber J. J. Stephenson and J. P. Canaday
Union Springs - A. W. Gregory
Mt. Pleasant - J. E. Smith.
West's School House - J. C. Moody and Joseph West.

In the absence of the former Moderator, J. F. Hill, Elder P. A. Johnson is elected Moderator of this Conference and calls to his assistance Elder Wm Byrd. The Secretary being present, tenders his resignation, which is accepted, and the names of A. W. Gregory, J. P. Canaday and N. H. Lucas are put in nomination for Secretary. Elders Byrd and Lee, are appointed Tellers for the same. A. W. Gregory is elected Secretary and calls James P. Canaday to his assistance.

The call for petitionary letters is made and a letter is presented from New Chapel Church, asking for admission as a member of this Conference, which is granted, and the name of her Delegate, Devereux Crocker enrolled.

The name of Rev B. I. Nash of the Union Association is enrolled as a visiting minister: Also the name of Rev E. Pope of the M.E. Church is enrolled visiting minister.

The moderator appoints a committee on religious exercise consisting of the Pastor and Delegate of Colyer's Chapel Church.

On motion Bro. H. W. Jernigan is elected Treasurer of this Conference.

Committee on religious exercise report to preach on tomorrow Elder Moore followed by Rev. E. Pope. 9:30 is the time agreed on to meet tomorrow morning. On motion,

Conference adjourns. Devotional exercise by Elder Johnson.

Second Day.

Friday Nov. 7th 1884.

Conference opens at 9:30 A.M., with devotional exercise by Elder John Moore.

Roll is called members answer to their name. Elder Robert St. [illegible] and his name is enrolled.

The names of J.L. Blackman J.B. Jernigan and W.B. Jernigan delegates from New Hope; Jno.W. Lucas Delegate from Pleasant Grove and J.N. Gregory and J.P. Stephenson from Union Spring are enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion it is agreed that any member of this Conference being absent at roll call shall pay a fine not less than five nor more than ten cents.

Bro. J.T. Johnson is added to the Committee on Ordinance and the Committee allowed until the next annual meeting of the Conference to make their report.

On motion the Committee on Discipline is discharged. Elder R.A. Johnson is added to the Committee on Temperance; and [illegible].

[illegible] Bowen and J. J. Wade are appointed Committee on Finance.

Letters from the churches are read and by their tidings it is conceded that more interest and greater encouragement are attained than has heretofore been [illegible].

Conference adjourns thirty minutes for dinner.

Leave of absence is granted Elder Williams [illegible] for the remainder of the day. The question of Union is made a special order of business for tomorrow 1 O'clock P.M.

Committee on religious exercise report tomorrow Elder Lundy Lee followed by Elder Nash.

Elder Nash by his own request is excused from service at the stand and by the request of the Committee, Elder Pope occupies the time.

On motion the time agreed upon to [illegible] is tomorrow 9:30 A.M.

On motion Conference adjourns with devotional exercise conducted by Elder [illegible].

Third Day.

Saturday Nov. 8th 1884

Conference is opened at 9:30 A.M. with religious exercise conducted by Elder Lundy.

The names of [illegible] and [illegible] of P[illegible] Grove are enrolled as delegates.

Roll is called and members answer to their names. Elder William Byrd and [illegible] J. W. Wade J. J. Wade and J. P. C[illegible] are absent.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On [illegible] the order of Business [illegible]

The [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
Committee [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] P[illegible].

On motion the Moderator shall decide what the [illegible] of the delinquents shall be.

The decision is that each member who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Resolution [illegible] by Elder [illegible] [illegible] and after discussion is adopted (See Resolut

A Committee consisting of Bro [illegible] of Bethsaida Ransom West of Shady Grove J. G. Johnson of Prospect J. B. [illegible] of [illegible] and J. C. [illegible] of Johnson's Chapel are appointed a Committee to look after the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the ministers of Cape Fear Conference and make a report at each annual Conference).

The name of Bro R. C. Wallace is enrolled [illegible].

Petitions for the next Conference [illegible] [illegible] decided that the next session be held with Pleasant Grove church, Harnett County, N.C., Commencing on Thursday before the second sunday in November 1885.

On motion Elder Wm Byrd is elected to preach the [illegible] [illegible] Elder John [illegible] alternate.

On motion the fines which have been collected are paid to the Treasurer of this Conference.

An intermission of 30 minutes is taken for dinner.

The letters from the churches show that a majority of them voted to continue their connection with the United Baptist Conference.

The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by Elder [illegible] [illegible] Byrd and others.

On motion that each church of the Cape Fear [illegible] Baptist Conference elect [illegible] [illegible] representation to the United Conference to [illegible]

C[illegible] t[illegible] of the Sunday school Board. See Report.)

Bro. J. J. Johnson and J. R. Barnes of the Sunday School Board tender their resignation which is accepted.

The report of the Committee on selecting fund for the purpose of erecting a Monument over the grave of Elder Turnage is received and Committee Continued. (see Report)

On motion it is decided that the United Baptist Conference will be held with Hood Swamp Church Wayne Co N.C. Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October 1885.

The report of the Finance Committee received and Committee discharged. See Report.

On motion the Secretary is ordered to have 500 Copies of the proceedings of this Conference published and be allowed $10.00 out of the remainder of funds in hand after paying for printing and distributing the same.

Committee on Temperance is granted further time to report.

Committee on religious exercise report to preach to morrow at the stand Elder Johnson followed by Br. B. K. Nash

A vote of thanks is tendered the people of this vicinity for the kindness and hospitality shown to us during the session.

On motion the report on religious exercise is received and Committee discharged.

The funds in the hands of Treasurer amount to $33.15 and is paid to the Secretary of this Conference.

The minutes of the day were read and adopted.

Conference adjourned with Prayer [illegible]

[illegible] Elder R[illegible]

R. D. J[illegible], Moderator.

A. W. Gregory, Secretary.

Order of Business for 1884.

1st. Introductory Sermon
2nd. Names of those entitled to Membership.
3rd Organization.
4th Call for Petitionary letters.
5th Hand of Fellowship given to visiting Brethren.
6th Appointment of Committees.
7th Reports from Churches.
8th Resolutions.
9th Reports from Committees.
10th Miscellaneous Business.
11th Adjournment.

Resolutions and Reports.

Resolution by Elder [illegible]:
Whereas some of our ministers are young and inexperienced in the work of the ministry, and often feel the need of counsel from the older ministers, we think that a ministers meeting during each year would be of importance; Be it therefore resolved that the Appointment of [illegible] regular ministers meeting to be held some time during the year for special benefit of the ministry.

Resolution by Elder Moore.

Resolved that a Committee of five lay members of Cape Fear Conference be appointed to have an oversight of the character of the ministers of our Conference and that said Committee report at each annual Conference.

Amended by Elder Byrd:

Be it further resolved that the Committee shall constitute a part of Cape Fear Conference.

Report of Committee on Soliciting Funds:

We the Committee appointed at our last Conference to solicit fund for the purchase and erection of a suitable monument over the grave of Elder James Savage submit the following report: We have collected the amounts annexed to our respective names.

William Byrd $6.50
R. A. Johnson $39.73

Wm Byrd
R. A. Johnson for Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

We the Finance Committee submit the following report: We find in the hands of the Treasurer $25.25 for minutes of this Conference $1.60 for the United Baptist Conference, $6.00 surplus minute fund of last year, 30 cts paid by absentees making total amount $33.15

J. J. Wade for Committee

Report of Sunday School Board:

We have held one meeting at which three members were present; We have also worked individually. We have held no [illegible] Sunday School Convention this year at Long Branch church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in Oct. [illegible] and had a large attendance and we think good was accomplished.

The next Convention will be held with the church at Shady Grove [illegible] on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct 1885. We [illegible] suggest the use of [illegible] publications.

T. J. B. [illegible] for Board

Report of Temperance Committee:

We find the cause of Temperance gaining strength in our churches. We [illegible] respectfully ask all our ministers to abstain from and discountenance the use of all intoxicants and we further reccommend to the laity of all our churches to abstain from the use of spirituous liquors and all their concomitants.

Believing as we do that no minister who uses intoxicants as a beverage is fit for the sacred office of the ministry and that no intoxicants either moderately or immoderately is fit for church fellowship.

Respectfully submitted.

W. Byrd
R. A. Johnson
John Moore
} Committee

Statistics for 1884.

Churches.	Counties	Pastors for 1884.	Minutes Fund	Pastor's Support	[illegible]	Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. Members	Increase	Decrease	S.S. Fund
[illegible]	Harnett	[illegible]	250	1420	3.25	10	7			2	126	8		
Bethsaida	Harnett	A. Fowler	200	955		16	14	2	3	1	111	10		
[illegible]	Harnett	[illegible] Lee	100	1280	300	18	14		1	2	88	15		
[illegible] Branch	Cumberland	[illegible]	1.50			2	=	2		2	82		2	
[illegible]lyer's Chapel	Cumberland	A. H. Willis	1.50	3460		9	8	1	1		67	7		
[illegible] Grove	Sampson	[illegible] Lee	3.75	3300		12	12	3			164	4		
Stony Runn.	Sampson		150	1300		5	4			--	103	5		3.21
[illegible] Hope	Johnston	Not Represented				6	5				35	6		
Laurel's Chapel	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	150											
[illegible] Hope	Johnston	Joseph Salmon	150	3335	10.00	5	4	3	8	2	83		6	
[illegible] Grove	Johnston	Not Represented	200			2			1	1	61			15.00
[illegible] Chapel	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	100	1250		27	20	2	2	2	68	12		1.25
[illegible] Springs	Johnston	John Moore	50	1125		4	3		2	0	21	2		
[illegible] Grove	Johnston	Not Represented												
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	R. A. Johnson	1.50			5	1	3		1	57	1		
[illegible] School H	Cumberland	Joseph Salmon		465							6			
[illegible]	Wayne	Nat Rep.												
[illegible] Spring	Wayne	J. H. Hill									47			
Friendship	Wayne	Nat Rep.												
[illegible] Chapel	Johnston	J. A. Smith	1.00			18	6				18			

Minutes

of the

31st Annual Session

Of The

Cape Fear

Free-Will Baptist Conference,

Held With the Church at

Pleasant Grove, Harnett Co, N.C.

November 5th, 6th, and 7th,

1885.

Officers

Moderator – R. A. Johnson.
Treasurer – H. W. Jernigan.
Secretary – A. W. Gregory, Barclaysville, Harnett County N. C.

Committees.

On Obituaries – J. W. Jernigan B. A. Hodges, and N. H. Lucas.
On Temperance – R. A. Johnson, W. A. Colville and John Moore.
On Ministerial Character – N. H. Lucas Ransom West, J. B. Jernigan J. P. Canaday and J. J. Roberts
Sunday School Board – S. D. Jackson J. H. Pope. J. E. Jolly and N. H. Lucas.
Missionary Board – Jesse Willson B. A. Hodges, J. P. Ogburn J. D. Stevens and J. H. Pope.

Ordained Ministers.

Allen Fowler . . . Averasboro, N. C.
Wm Byrd . . . Averasboro, N. C.
Ro. A. Johnson. Ezra, N. C.
S. B. Thain, Glenmore, N. C.
Robert Strickland, Rhodesville, N. C.
John Moore, Beasley Hill, N. C.
Joseph Salmon, Bass, N. C.
J. Wilson Lucas, Tennesee.
J. F. Hill, Goldsboro – – N. C.
Lundee Lee Giles Mills N. C.
J. E. Smith Myatt's Mills N. C.

Licentiates

W. R. Glover	Litt River Acad	N. C.
Jno. W. Lucas	Averasboro	N. C.
Thomas J. Gregory	Barclaysville	N. C.

Ordaining Council.

Elders John Moore and William Byrd.

Proceedings.

First Day.

Pleasant Grove Church Harnett Co N. C.
Thursday, November 5th 1885.

The congregation assembles, and services are opened in the church by Elder Wm Byrd at 12 o'clock m.

Elder Byrd preaches the introductory sermon from St. John XIII : 34, 35: "A new commandment I give unto you That ye love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

After a short intermission the officers and delegates reassemble.

Prayer by Elder John Moore.

Conference being duly opened the names of members present are enrolled as follows:

Ministers.

Allen Fowler William Byrd R. A. Johnson Robt Strickland John Moore Joseph Salmon J. F. Hill. Lundee Lee and J. E Smith.

Delegates.

Prospect - W. A. Colville and Elbrige Johnson.
Bethsaida - B. A. Hodges G. J. Hodges and C. Pleasant.
Pleasant Grove - W. B. Norris A. S. Lucas and R. Lucas
Long Branch - J. W. Taylor.

Colyer's Chapel - H. Lucas and J.E. Lucas
Shady Grove - Jesse Wilson and Wiley West.
Stony Run - J.J. Wade and W.J. Jernigan.
New Hope - W.R. Stanley and M.F. Blackman.
Johnston Union - J.S. Corbett P.P. Godwin and J.S. Ellis.
St Mary's Grove - C.B. Jones J.H. Pollard and W.J. Barbour.
Johnson's Chapel - J.D. Stevens J. Barber and T. Wheeler
Union Springs - J.N. Gregory and Thos G. Hayes
Mt Pleasant - Jos. P. Ogburn.
New Prospect - (By Letter)
Hood Swamp - J.J. Roberts and Allen Smith.
New Chapel - Devereaux Crocker.

Elder R.A. Johnson the moderator now calls to his assistance Elder J.F. Hill.

The Secretary call J.W. Lucas to his assistance The name of Rev. Lynn Adams Missionary Baptist is enrolled visiting minister.

The moderator appoints a committee on religious exercise consisting of the Pastor and and delegates of Pleasant Grove church.

The committee on religious exercise report to preach tomorrow at the stand:
..Elder J.E. Smith at 11 o'clock A.M. followed by Elder Robert Strickland.

On motion the committee on ministerial character is granted leave of absence for the evening to prepare their report.

On motion, conference adjourns to meet to-morrow at 9:30 A.M.

Devotional exercise is conducted by Elder J.F. Hill.

Second Day.

Friday November 6th 1885

Conference opens at 9:30 A.M. with devotional exercise conducted by Elder R.A. Johnson

Roll is called and members present answer to their names, there being 22 absentees.

There not being a quorum present the Moderator gives 10 minutes intermission after which the conference comes together the roll is called again and a quorum being found Conference proceeds to business.

Members yet absent are sixteen.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved

The names of absentees are read and fines of 10 cents are collected from each of the twenty-two. The name of J.P. Stephenson delegate from Union Springs church Josiah Jackson delegate from Colyers Chapel and J.H. Pope delegate from Long Branch, are enrolled as members of this conference.

It now being 11 o'clock the congregation and those assigned to the stand retire for preaching.

Reports from the churches are received [illegible] and church letters are read.

On motion By brother J.G. Johnson no member of this body shall be allowed to speak more than twice nor longer than five minutes on any one subject.

The moderator appoints a Finance Committee consisting of Bros J.J. Wade B.A. Hodges and Jesse Wilson

On motion the Order of business for 1884 is adopted for 1885.

On motion Elder Wm Byrd by his request is relieved from serving as Committee on Temperance

On motion Elder Byrd Committee on obituaries is also excused.

On motion Bro J.G. Johnson by his request is relieved from serving as Committee on Obituaries.

On motion Elder R.A. Johnson by his request is relieved from serving as Committee on Obituaries

On motion by Elder Salmon that this body elect Committees to fill the vacancies caused by Elders Byrd Johnson and Bro J.G. Johnson.

Bros. J. W. Jernigan B H Hodges and N. H. Lucas are elected committee on Obituaries.

Bro W. A. Colville is elected committee on Temperence

Bro. J. G. Johnson is excused from serving as committee on ministerial Character of this Conference and Bro. J. J. Roberts is elected to fill the vacancy

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Character is before the Conference

On motion the name of Bro. J. G. Johnson is taken off the report of the Committee

On motion the report on ministerial Character is adopted (See Reports.)

After an intermission of 35 minutes for dinner, the Conference came together for the transaction of business.

✓ [On motion, the moderator appoints a Committee of five to investigate the case relative to Elder Allen Fowler consisting of Bros. J. J. Wade B. A. Hodges H. W. Jernigan J. H. Pope and J. N. Gregory

Elder Fowler accepts the Committee.

✓ On motion said Committee is empowered to investigate the matter and release or condemn Elder Fowler and their decision shall be final. The case of Elder Willis is up for consideration.

✓ On motion a committee of three is appointed to look into the case of Elder Willis consisting of Bros J. W. Taylor, Jesse Wilson and W. J. Jernigan.

✓ On motion the decision of the Committee shall be final]

Leave of absence is granted the Committee for the remainder of the day.

After an intermission of ten minutes conference is again called to order by the moderator.

On motion the Moderator by his request is excused for the remainder of the day and Elder J. F. Hill the assistant Moderator Presides.

Committee on religious exercise retire to get up a report.

Finance committee retire to get up a report.

Religeous exercise Committee report to preach tonight Elder Joseph Salmon tomorrow at 11 o'clock Rev. Lynn Adams followed by Elder John Moore.

Temperance Committee not being ready to report, report is deferred.

Committee on soliciting funds for monumental purposes not being present report is deferred until to-morrow

Report of S.S. Board is deferred

Report of Committee on Obituaries is deferred.

On motion conference adjourns till tomorrow 9:30 AM

Prayer by Elder J.E. Smith.

Third Day.

Saturday November 7th 1885.

Conference is opened at 9:30 AM with religeous exercise conducted by Elder Lundee Lee.

Elder Hill is released from the chair and Elder Johnson resumes his seat again as Moderator.

The name of J.E. Jolly from Mt Pleasant church and J.M. Wade from Long Branch are enrolled as delegates.

Roll is called and members present answer to their names there being but two absentees.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion the report on religeous Exercise is recommitted and a new report received. Committee report to preach to-day at the stand at 11 o'clock Elders Adams, Moore, and Hill.

Report of Temperance committee is received and report adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of Committee on soliciting funds for monumental purposes is received and adopted. (See Reports.)

Bros. J. E. Jolly and J. H. Pope are granted leave of absence to get up report for S. S. Board.

In consequence of the absence of some of the S. S. Board no report is received.

The names of those absent at roll call are read and fines of ten cents is collected from each of the absentees.

The committee on soliciting funds for monumental purposes over the grave of Elder Turnage is releaved and Elder John Moore is elected to serve as committee.

On motion the money that has allready been collected for monumental purposes is paid over to Elder Moore – $56.93 is paid to Elder Moore.

Report of Finance Committee is read.

It now being 11 oclock the congregation and those assigned to the stand retire for preaching.

On motion the report of the Finance Committee is adopted and Committee discharged. (See Report.)

On motion the name of Bro Jno W Lucas is enrolled as Licentiate.

On motion the name of W. R. Glover is enrolled Licentiate.

On motion the name of Thos J. Gregory is enrolled as Licentiate.

On motion the name Bro R. C. Wallace is received and enrolled as ordained Minister.

Verbal petitions for the next Conference are received.

On motion the name of Bethsaida church is changed to that of Hodges Chapel.

A vote is taken and it is decided that the next Conference shall be held with the church at Hood Swamp Wayne Co., Commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in Nov. at 12 oclock A. D. 1886.

On motion no delegat shall be recognized in the Conference who shall arrive after the second day 12 oclock M.

On motion it is decided that any minister arriving in Conference after the second day 12 o'clock shall pay 50 cents fine.

On motion any delegate arriving after the ✓ second day 12 o'clock shall pay fifty cents a fine.

On motion the Secretary is to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and he is allowed ten Dollars for his services in preparing and distributing the same.

On motion the report of the Committee in in case of Elder Fowler is received and committee discharged. (See Reports)

On motion the report of the Committee in case of Elder Willis is received and committee discharged. (See Reports)

Elder Hill withdraws his motion concerning the Committee being discharged and

On motion the committee is retained in case of Elder Willis.

On motion Elder Lunder Lee is elected to preach the Introductory sermon at the next annual Conference and Elder R. A. Johnson his alternate.

After 35 minutes intermission for dinner the conference come to order by the call of the Moderator

A resolution is offered by Bro. H W Jernigan &

On motion is adopted. (See Resolutions.)

On motion by H. W. Jernigan this body elects a committee of five who shall be known as ✓ "Missionary" Board" and said Committee shall have full controll over the missionary work and is required to report each year to the annual Conference.

The missionary Board elected consists of Bros. Jesse Wilson B. A. Hodges J. P. Ogburn J. D. Stevens and J. H. Pope.

On motion the Treasurer of this Conference pays to the Secretary all the funds in hand

The Secretary receives from the Treasurer $35.33

On a vote of thanks is tendered the people of this vicinity for their kind reception and bounteous hospitality

Committee on religeous exercise report, report is recommitted and the committee report to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock Elder R.A. Johnson:

Minutes of the day are read and adopted

On motion that portion of the minutes requiring forfeiture of seats to the ministers and delegates is now striken out of the minutes.

On motion Conference adjourns with with remarks and devotional exercise conducted by Elder J.F. Hill.

Elder R.A. Johnson, Moderator.

Albert W. Gregory,
Secretary.

Resolutions and Reports.

Resolution by H.W. Jernigan.

Resolved, That this Conference send out a Missionary to labor for religeous interest in and out the bounds of said Conference.

Report of Committee on Soliciting Funds.

We the Committee appointed to solicit funds for the purchase and erection of a suitable monument over the grave of our beloved brother Elder James Turnage, desire to submit the following report:

We have collected the amounts annexed to our names, respectively. William Byrd $6.50 R.A. Johnson $50.43.

William Byrd,
R.A. Johnson,
Committee.

Report of Finance Committee.

We the Finance Committee submit the following report: We find in the hands of the Treasurer

Minute funds of this year - - - - -	$27.80
Balance of the minute funds of last year	3 15
Fines Collected this year	2.40
Total - - - - -	$33.35

Jesse Wilson
B.A. Hodges
J.J. Wade.
Committee.

Report on Ministerial Character.

We the committee appointed to report to this Conference beg leave to submit the following:

That we find the ministers of said Conference in good standing except Elders Allen Fowler and A.H. Willis - the former having been walking disorderly and the latter having deserted the Free Will Baptist faith.

Ransom West.
J.B. Jernigan.
N.H. Lucas.
Committee.

[Report in case of Elder Fowler.

We the committee appointed in case of Elder Allen Fowler submit the following report:

That he be silenced from preaching for the next two years.]

H.W. Jernigan.
J.H. Pope.
B.A. Hodges.
J.J. Wade and J.N. Gregory.
Committee.

Report in case of Elder Willis

[We the undersigned committee appointed to investigate the case of A. H. Willis beg leave to submit the following report:

That we sustain the action of the church and demand his credentials: Also we order the name of A. H. Willis eraced from our minutes]

Jesse Wilson.
J. W. Taylor.
Wm J Jernigan.
Committee.

Report on Temperance.

We find the cause of temperance is gaining strength in our churches. We therefore respectfully ask all our ministers to abstain from and discountenance the use of all intoxicants and we further recommend to the laity of all our churches to abstain from the use of spirituous likuors and all their concomitants (unless ordered by a regular M.D.) For many years the temperance cause has had great opposition though now gradually making advancement feeling its way in to popular favor Within the last few years by strenuous efforts crowned with the blessings of God it has assumed vast proportions - such proportions as are making its power felt both in Church and State. Heretofore the temperance struggle has seemed to be one constant disencouragement and it is but lately we have begun to see fruits of our toil. We have been like Israel wandering in the desert but now we can see the promised land and the question now is

Shall we go up and possess it? God grant that we may.

John Moore
R. A. Johnson } Committee
W. A. Colvill

Order of Business for 1885.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2nd. Names of those entitled to membership.
3rd. Organization.
4th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5th. Hand of Fellowship given to visiting brethren.
6th. Appointment of Committees.
7th. Reports from Churches.
8th. Resolutions.
9th. Reports from Committees.
10th. Miscellaneous Business.
11th. Adjournment.

Churches.	Counties.	pastors for 1885.	For Minutes.	Pastors Support.	For Monument.	For Sunday schools.	Members Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed	Died	Number of members.	Increase.	Decrease.
Prospect	Harnett	Lindee Lee.	1 50	20.00					7	2	2	105		11
Hodge's Chapel	Harnett	Fowler & Moore	1 50	16.00						3		108		3
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Lindee Lee	1 00	19.20			10	9	1	1		97	9	
Long Branch	Cumberland	Wm Byrd	2 00	30 00			22	20			2	100	18	
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberland	Lindee Lee	1 00	.....						1	3	63		
Shady Grove	Sampson	Lindee Lee	2 00	35.80		5.00	17	16	5		5	173	6	
Stony Run	Sampson	Robert Strickland	2 50	20.25		3.50	19	16		1	3	123	19	
New Hope	Johnston	Rufus A. Johnson	1 25	2.45			5	5	2	1		38	3	
Johnston Union	Johnston	Robt Strickland	1 55				2	1		10	1	74		9
St. Mary's Grove.	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	1 50				4	4	1	3		63	2	
Johnson's Chapel.	Johnston	John Moore	2 00		2.60	2.35	9	6			1	76	8	
Union Springs	Johnston	R. A. Johnston	1 00								1	20		1
Mt. Pleasant.	Wake	J. F. Hill	2 00	38.45			14	10	1		1	61	10	
New Prospect.	Wayne	J. F. Hill	1 45									28		
Hood Swamp	Wayne	J. F. Hill	3 00							2		44		2
Friendship	Wayne	R. A. Johnston	1 50				5					14		
New Chapel	Johnston	Lindee Lee	1 05				10	5		2	1	25	3	
Laurel's Chapel	Johnston	Not Represented.												
Piny Grove	Johnston	Not Represented												
West's School House	Cumberland	Not Represented												

1856.

Minutes
of the
Thirty-Second Annual Session
of the
Cape Fear
Free Will Baptist Conference,
Held with the Church at
Wood's Grove Wayne Co. N.C.
November 11th 12th and 13th 1856.

Officers.

Moderator — R. A. Johnson
Treasurer — H. W. Jernigan
Secretary — J. M. Gregory, Barclaysville
Harnett County N.C.

Committees.

On Obituaries — W. J. Jernigan, B. A. Hodges and N. H. Lucas.

On Ministerial Character — N. H. Lucas, Ransom West, J. B. Jernigan, J. P. Canaday and J. J. Roberts.

Mission Board — Jesse Wilson, B. A. Hodges, J. P. Ogbourn, J. D. Stevens and J. H. Pope.

On Regulating the work of the Ministry — H. W. Jernigan, J. A. Hodges and T. W. Taylor.

Ordained Ministers.

Allen Fowler	Averasboro.	N. C.
R. A. Johnson	Ezra	N. C.
S. B. Thain	Glenmore.	N C
Robt. Strickland	Glenmore.	N. C.
John Moore	Beasley Hill.	N. C
J. Wilson Lucas	Tennessee	
J. F. Hill	Goldsboro.	N. C.
Lundee Lee	Little Mills.	N. C.
J. E. Smith	Myatts Mill.	N. C
R. C. Wallace	Selma	N. C.
J. T. W. Edwards	Glenmore.	N. C.

Licentiates

J. T. W. Edwards	Glemore	N. C.
J. H. Griffis	Myatts Mill	N. C.
W. R. Glover	Little River	[illegible]

Ordaining Council.

John Moore, R. A. Johnson and J. T. Hill.

Proceedings.

First Day.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Co. N. C.
Tuesday Nov. 11th 1856.

The congregation assembled at the church, and Elder [illegible] Lee, who was elected as the first ordinance to preach the introductory sermon, being absent, Elder John Moore [illegible] and leads in prayer.

Elder R. A. Johnson, the alternate [illegible] proceeds and preaches the introductory sermon from 1st Tim. IV. 16: "Take heed unto thyself, and unto thy doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

After an intermission of [illegible] minutes for dinner the congregation reassembles.

Prayer by Elder J. T. Hill.

The names of members present were enrolled as follows:

Ministers.

R. A. Johnson, [illegible] Stricklin, John Moore, J. T. Hill, J. E. Smith and [illegible]

Committees.

On Ministerial Conduct — J. J. Roberts.
On Sabbath Schools — S. D. Jackson, J. C. Jolly and J. H. Pope.
On Mission Board — J. P. Osbourne, J. [illegible] Stevens, J. H. Pope and B. A. Hodges.

Delegates.

Prospect – J. G. Johnson & L. M. Ryals.
Hodges Chapel – J. H. Hodge & T. B. Wilkins.
Pleasant Grove – Not Represented.
Long Branch – Erasmus Lee.
Coley's Chapel – By Letter.
Shady Grove – S. D. Jackson, D. L. McLamb and S. T. Jackson.
Stony Run – B. H. Jernigan.
New Hope – J. A. Bensley, J. K. Strickland and Willie E. Stafford
Johnston's Union – Jacob Wheeler, J. M. [illegible] and H. T. [illegible].
St Mary's Grove – W. L. Austin.
Johnson's Chapel – J. H. Stephenson, W. H. Barbour and James Hardee.
Union Grange – T. H. Davis.
Mount Pleasant – W. J. Hill, J. E. Jolly and J. T. Wilson.
New Prospect – N. W. Boyett and Wm Meritt.
Hood Swamp – Henry Herring, S. J. Peel and Marcellus Smith.
Friendship – R. A. Boyett and A. C. Casey
New Chapel – D. D. Pool and Devereux Crocker.
Daniel's Chapel – Not Represented.
Piny Grove – Not Represented.
Wests School House – Not Represented

A quorum being present the Conference is duly organized for the transaction of business.

Petitionary letters are called for and a letter from Bethel church asking for admission as a member of this Conference which is granted and [illegible].

W. K. [illegible] and Nathan E. Johnson are enrolled.

The name of J. T. W. Edwards of New Hope Church is enrolled as Ordained Minister.

The name of J. H. Gurkin, of Mount Pleasant church is enrolled as Licentiate.

On motion the name of [illegible]

On motion the moderator appoints a Committee on the Order of Business consisting of Bro. J. F. Hill Erasmus Lee and J. A. Hodges.

On motion the moderator appoints James G. Johnson [illegible] Smith and S. E. Jackson as a Committee on Religious Exercise.

Leave of absence is granted the Committee to get up a report.

On motion the Conference adopts the Rules of Order as laid down in Discipline.

Report of the Committee on the Order of Business is received and adopted (see Reports).

The Committee on Religious Exercise report the [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] Elder John [illegible] at 11 o'clock A.M. followed by J. T. W. Edwards.

The Secretary calls to [illegible] [illegible] Bro. B. H. [illegible]).

The Moderator calls Elder J. F. Hill to his assistance.

On motion the Conference adjourns to meet tomorrow morning at 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Elder Edwards.

Second Day.

Friday November 12th 1886.

Conference opens at 9:30 with devotional service conducted by Elder J. C. Smith.

Roll is called and 62 members present answer to their names each one being checked.

Minutes of yesterday are read and after some discussion as to whether they should read in the past tense by motion it is decided that the Secretary [illegible] them [illegible] and they stand approved, with the word "missionaries" changed to "Mission".

The names of S. H. [illegible] and [illegible] Pope delegates from [illegible] Branch Church are enrolled.

Report from the [illegible] [illegible] are heard and the Church letters are read.

On motion the Rules of Order are suspended for the present and the name of the Church at Hood Swamp changed to that of "Wood's Grove"

It now being 11 o'clock the congregation and those assigned to the Stand retire for preaching

On motion the Moderator appoints N. W. Boyett W. H. Barker and Erasmus Lee Finance Committee.

On motion Bro J. G. Johnson J. J. Roberts and S. D. Jackson are appointed to get up a church letter Form to be printed for the several churches of this Conference.

Resolution of H. W. Jernigan to empower the Mission Board to fill any vacancy caused by deth or otherwise and second to dismiss any member for disorderly walk or non-performance of duty received and adopted. See Resolutions

The rules of Order are suspended and the reports of the Committees are heard.

Committee on Obituaries make no report.

Leave of absence is granted the S S Board to get up a report.

Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach to-morrow at the Stand Bro J. H. Griffin to open service Elder J. E. Smith at 11 o'clock, followed by Elder Robt Strickland

On motion the Committee on Temperance is discharged.

Committee on Ministerial Character is called for but no report received.

Report of the S. S. Board is received and on motion adopted. See Report

The S. S. Board tender their resignation which is accepted and the Board discharged

After an intermission of 20 minutes for dinner the Conference come together again for the transaction of business.

Leave of absence is granted the Mission Board to get up a report.

The initial "J. H." of the Committee on Obituaries is amended to read "W. J." (W. J. Jernigan).

Leave of absence is granted Elders Moore and Johnson to get up a report on Monumental Fund.

Leave of absence is granted the Finance Committee and Treasurer to get up a report.

The Committee on Monumental Funds report. (See Reports)

The Committee on Church Letter Form are granted further time to get up their report.

Bro. J. G. Johnson offers the following resolution.

Whereas the emergency demands the education of our ministry; therefore,

Resolved 1, That this Conference assess every member of each local Church ten or more cents each year for the education of our young ministers.

Resolved 2, That there be a Committee of five to superintend the business of said Ministerial education.

Which after discussion is voted down - ayes 5.

Resolution offered by H. W. Jernigan to elect a Committee of three to regulate and assign the work of each minister, is received and after discussion, adopted. (See Resolutions)

On motion the following brethren are put in nomination W. J. Hill, H. W. Jernigan, J. M. Turner, J. F. Osborne, [illegible] Smith, J. A. Hodson, [illegible], J. G. Johnson and J. H. Cox.

Bros. J. J. Rowe and S. G. Jackson are appointed tellers.

Bros. H. W. Jernigan, J. A. Hodson and J. W. Taylor are elected a Committee on Regulating the Work of the Ministry.

On motion, Conference adjourns with [illegible]

[illegible]

Devotional exercise conducted by Elder John Moore.

Third Day.

Saturday November 13th 1886.

Conference opens at 9:30 a.m., religious exercise conducted by Elder R. A. Johnson.

Roll is called and [illegible] answer to their names - [illegible] committees.

Bro. Casey who was [illegible] is [illegible] as [illegible].

[illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] collected for [illegible] of today.

Leave of absence is granted the Committees on Letter Form and Mission Board also the Committee on regulating the Work of the Ministry is granted leave of absence to get up their reports.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Reports from the Committee on Letter Form is received and after discussion as to the form of the letter on motion, is adopted with the addition of a [illegible] to be [illegible] for the purpose [illegible] who preached or presided over [illegible] ministration.

On motion Rev. W. C. [illegible] is admitted to a seat in Conference.

On motion the Letter Form with the amendments made by the body is received and adopted.

On motion the report of the Mission Board is received and adopted. (See Report.)

Resolution offered by W. H. Johnson that the work of the [illegible] be [illegible] from and after [illegible] is received and adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Resolution offered by W. H. [illegible] as to the Church Letters stating the [illegible]

[illegible]

assigned to them is received and adopted [illegible]. See Resolutions.

On motion the resolution offered by Bro. J. A. Johnson in regard to Temperance is passed over — 39 to 9.

It now being 11 o'clock the Conference [illegible] and was addressed by the [illegible] [illegible] preaching.

Resolution offered by H. W. Jernigan in regard to Church Clerks corresponding with the Chairman of the Committee on the [illegible] of the Ministry is received and adopted. See Resolutions.

Resolution offered by Bro. J. A. Johnson in regard to the expulsion of members who [illegible] hereafter bring up the subject of Temperance is not received by the body.

On motion Bro. Daniel King is admitted to [illegible] seat in this Conference.

On motion the present Secretary is instructed to call on Bro. Brown the former Secretary of this Conference, for the Book of Records.

On motion of Bro. Hill that the Secretary be authorized to record in the Book of Records all the past proceedings of this Conference and that he be compensated for his services in that work.

On motion the next session of Conference will be held with the church at Hodges Chapel Harnett County commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in November at 12 o'clock A.D. 1887.

Elder Hill is elected to preach the introductory Sermon and Elder Moore his alternate.

Leave of absence is granted the Committee on Religious Exercises to get up a report.

Elders Moore, Johnson and Hill are elected "Ordaining Council"

Committee on Religious Exercises report to-night: opening by J. T. W. Edwards preaching by J. F. Hill tomorrow W. C. Vance at 11 o'clock followed by R. H. Johnson

Report is received and Committee discharged

Committee on Regulating the Work of the Ministry make the following report which is received and adopted:

J. T. W. Edwards – New Prospect, New Hope, and Anderson's Creek.

J. F. Hill – Long Branch and Johnson's Chapel.

Erasmus Lee – [illegible] Grove and Prospect.

John Moore – Shady Grove, Mt. Pleasant, and Bethel.

J. C. Smith – Stony Run, Hodges Chapel, and St. Mary's Grove.

R. H. Johnson – [illegible] Chapel and [illegible].

Robt. Strickland – New Chapel, Pleasant Grove and [illegible] Chapel.

J. C. Wallace – Johnston Union and [illegible] Springs

S. B. Thain – To assist at New Hope church.

H. W. Jernigan.
Chairman Committee.

On motion the Moderator appoints Bro. Erasmus Lee, J. H. and Josiah Pope a Committee to wait on Wm. Hall and demand his credentials.

Bro. Erasmus Lee is excused for the remainder of the session also Bro. J. H. Pope is excused.

A recess of thirty minutes is taken for dinner after which business is resumed.

On motion the Secretary is to have 500 Church Letter Forms printed and

On motion by Bro. J. G. Johnson he is allowed to [illegible]

On motion by Elder [illegible] the Secretary is to have 600 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and he be allowed ten ($10) dollars for his services in that work.

On motion the names of Bros. Wm Byrd and Joseph Johnson are erased from the minutes and Bros. [illegible], J. A. Hodges and J. B. Watkins are appointed a Committee to wait on and demand their Credentials.

Resolution offered by Bro. [illegible] received and adopted. (See Resolutions)

On motion [illegible] Treasurer [illegible] in the hands of the Secretary $35.55.

Minutes of the day are read and approved.

On motion Conference adjourns to meet at Hodges Chapel on Thursday November 10th A.D. 1887.

Remarks by Elder Johnson, and prayer by Elder John Moore.

Rufus A. Johnson.
Moderator.

A. H. [illegible]
Secretary

Resolutions and Reports.

Resolution by H. H. Jarman.

Resolved, That the Mission Board shall have power of election to fill any vacancy caused by death or otherwise.

2nd That said Board shall have to dismiss any member for disorderly walk or non-performance of duty.

Sabbath Schools

We the members of the Sabbath School Board have not done any Board work but we believe that most of the Churches are having good schools and we think the Sabbath School cause is progressing.

We as members of the Board offer our resignation.

S. E. Jackson
J. H. Cole
J. E. Jolly

On Monument.

I the Committee appointed by last Conference to solicit funds and purchase a monument for the grave of Elder Turnage submit the following:

I have in hand sixty-two ($62.43) dollars and forty three cent, and have authorized my treasurer Elder Johnson to purchase the Monument which he has done at a cost of $75.00.

The monument will be placed at the grave on the 20th of this month

This Nov. 12th 1886.

John Moore.

Resolution by J. H. Johnson.

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Whereas the present system in our churches in regard to the work of the ministry is inefficient; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Conference elect a Committee of three of its members to assign the work of each minister of this Conference.

Report of the Mission Board

We the Mission Board submit the following report:

We find in the hands of the Treasurer B. A. Hodges One hundred and ten dollars ($110.41) and forty-one cents.

We have decided to pay Elder [illegible] for his services in the work [illegible] members in the work assigned to him. We have decided to pay Elder J. F. Hill for his [illegible] twenty-four ($24.) dollars [illegible] two members in the [illegible] him. We have furthermore [illegible] Bro. Wesley Edwards for his services in the Mission work [illegible] was assigned to Elder Lundee Lee and as he [illegible] Bro. E[illegible] fifteen dollars he having [illegible] fifteen members.

[illegible] Board [illegible] Mission Work [illegible] decided not to pay for [illegible] work services unless employed by the Board [illegible] the one assigned to the work. Bro. Lee [illegible] we will settle with him [illegible] report.

J. P. Ogburn, Chairman.
B. A. Hodges,
J. D. Stevens,
J. H. Pope:

Resolution by H. W. Jernigan.

Be it resolved, That [illegible] regulating the work of the ministry shall be [illegible] from and after its ratification.

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Resolution by H. W. Jernigan.

Resolved: that each [illegible] Cape Fear Conference state in their Church Letter the amount the church will pay to the pastor which may be assigned to them.

Resolution by H. W. Jernigan.

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Resolved, that the Clerk of each Church in the Conference be requested to correspond with the Chairman of the Committee on the work of the Ministry at the second appointment of the pastor assigned to that Church and inform the Committee whether or not they are having preaching.

H. W. Jernigan Chmn.
[illegible] C. C.
Simpson C. D. C.

Report of the Finance Committee:

We the Finance Committee submit the following report:

We find in the hands of the Treasurer

Minute funds of this year - - - - - -	$30.95-
Surplus of last year	4.60
Total - - - - - - - -	$35.55-

[illegible] Chm.
J. W. Boyett,
J. A. Barber,

Resolution by J. T. Johnson.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the [illegible] of [illegible] and vicinity for the kindness shown in [illegible]
[illegible]

Order of Business.

1st Introductory Sermon.
2nd Names of those entitled to seats [illegible].
3rd Organization.
4th The enrollment of [illegible].
5th The enrollment of Delegates.
6th Call for petitionary Letters.
7th Hand of Fellowship given to visiting Brethren
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9th Reports from Churches
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11th Reports from Committees.
12th Miscellaneous business.
13th Adjournment.

Statistics.

Churches	Counties	pastors For 1886.	For Minutes	Paid to Pastors	Sabbath Schools	Mission Fund	Members received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Number of members	Increase	Decrease
~~Prospect~~	Harnett	R. A. Johnson	$1.50	31.00		17.50	8	9		6		107	2	
Hodges Chapel	Harnett	Lundee Lee	2.00	30.00		25.00	49	40	2	5		152	40	
* Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Lundee Lee										45	4	
Long Branch	Cumberland	Lundee Lee	2.00	30.00	3.00	20.00	4	4	1			104	[illegible]	
Cogers Chapel	Cumberland	J. T. W. Edwards	1.00	32.00			19	15	3	1	1	75	14	
Shade Grove	Sampson	Lundee Lee	3.90	35.00	6.00	25.00	33	33	2	1	2	200	27	
Stony [illegible]	Sampson	Robt. Strickland	2.50	11.00	5.50	20.00	11	11	3	7	3	118		2
New Hope.	Johnston	Robt Strickland	2.50	5.35	14.00	5.00	29	27				66	29	
Johnston Union	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	1.50	7.10		2.50	7	2	2	1		78	4	
St Marys Grove	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	1.50			2.60	1				2	58		1
Johnsons Chapel	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	2.00			12.75	13	13	2		1	86	10	
Union Springs	Johnston	John Moore	1.00	7.00		5.00	1					21	1	
Mt. Pleasant.	[illegible]	R. A. Johnson	2.00	18.00			15	7	1		1	72	13	
[illegible] Chapel,	[illegible]	J. F. Hill	1.30				7	6		4		32	3	
[illegible] Grove	Wayne	R. A. Johnson	3.00	1.65	5.10	15.00	30	20			2	72	28	
Friendship.	Wayne	J. F. Hill	1.50				6	2				20	6	
New Chapel	Johnston	R. E. [illegible]	1.00	2.65						4		21		4
Laurels Chapel	Johnston	Not Represented												
Piney Grove.	Johnston	Not Represented												
[illegible] School House	Cumberland	Not represented												
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	.75									15	15	

Minutes

of the

Thirty=Third Annual Session

of the

Cape Fear

Free Will Baptist Conference

Held with the church at

Hodge's Chapel Harnett Co. N.C.

Nov 10th 11th and 12th 1887.

Officers.

Moderator — R. A. Johnson.
Treasurer — W. M. Jernigan.
Secretary — A. D. [illegible] Barclaysville Harnett County N. Carolina.

Committees.

On Obituaries — R. J. Jernigan B. A. Hodges and J. H. Lucas.
On Ministerial Character — J. H. Lucas, Ransom West, J. B. Jernigan J. P. Canaday and J. J. Roberts.
On Mission Board — Jesse Wilson B. A. Hodges W. H. Jernigan J. D. Stevens and J. A. Pope.

Ordained Ministers.

Allen Fowler	Averasboro	N. C.
R. A. Johnson	Ezra	N. C.
S. B. Thain	Glenmore	N. C.
Robt. Strickland	Glenmore	N. C
John Moore	Beasley Hill	N. C.
J. Wilson Lucas		Tenn.
J. T. Hill	Goldsboro	N. C.
Lundee Lee.	Giles Mills	N. C.
J. C. Smith	Myatts Mills	N. C.
R. C. Wallace	Selma	N. C.
J. T. W. Edwards	Bentonsville	N. C.
J. P. Osborn	Myatts Mills	N. C.
J. H. Griffin	Myatts Mill	N. C.

Licentiates.

W. R. Glover	Little River Academy	N.C.
Smith Barnes	Little River Academy	N.C.
J. A. Brock	Leachburg	N.C.
J. J. Ellis	Clayton	N.C.
W. & J. Edwards	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Ordaining Council.

Jno. Moore, R. H. Johnson and J. T. [illegible].

Proceedings.

First Day.

[illegible] Baptist Church, Harnett Co. N.C.
Thursday Nov 10th 1887.

The congregation assembles in the Church and Elder [illegible] introduces services - reads the 51 Psalm.

Elder J. T. [illegible] who was elected by last Conference to preach the introductory sermon preaches from St. Matthew XXVIII, 19th and 20th verses. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. Amen."

After an intermission of [illegible] minutes for dinner the congregation reassembles.

Prayer by Elder John Moore.

The names of members present are enrolled.

Elders:

Ministers.

R. H. Johnson Robt Strickland
John Moore J. F. Hill Lundee Lee J. E. Smith
and J. T. W. Edwards

Committees.

On Obituaries - A. H. Lucas and B. A Hodges.
On Ministerial Character - Ransom West
J. B. Jernigan and J. J. Roberts.
On Mission Board - B A Hodges J. P. Ogburn
J. D. Stevens J. H. Pope and Jesse Wilson.
On Regulating Work of the Ministry - J. A. Hodges.

Delegates.

Prospect - Not Represented.
Hodges Chapel - J. W. Barefoot and G. W. Whittenton
Pleasant Grove - Not Represented.
Long Branch - Josiah Pope.
Colner's Chapel - James Reynor and J. E. Lucas.
Shady Grove - Jesse Wilson Ransom West
and Wm L. Godwin.
Stony Run - J. E. Jernigan and W. H. Lee.
New Hope - W. J. Johnson.
Johnston Union - J. T. Avery.
St. Maries Grove -- B. C. Hooper.
Johnson's Chapel - W. H. Canaday J. A. Johnson
and Jackson Barber.
Union Springs - T. G. Hayes J. P. Stephenson
and S. H. Davis.
Mt. Pleasant - O. W. Smith.
New Prospect - By Letter.
Woods Grove - Elijah Vincent. Henry Herring
and Alvin Smith.
Friendship - Not Represented.
New Chapel - Not Represented.
West School House - Not Represented.
Bethel - Not Represented.

A quorum being present the Conference is declared opened for the transaction of business.

Elder R. H. Johnson with brief remarks offers his resignation which On motion is rejected by the body and Elder Johnson still continued Moderator.

The Moderator calls Elder J. E. Smith to his assistance.

The Secretary offers his resignation which is not accepted by the body.

The names of Bro J. P. Ogburn and J. M. Harris of Mt. Pleasant church are enrolled ordained ministers.

The name of Bro. J. E. Reed of St Mary's Grove church is enrolled a Licentiate.

On motion the names of Joseph Rodgers and D. E. Reed of [illegible] Chapel church are enrolled Licentiates.

On motion the names J. J. Ellis of Johnston Co & W. H. F. Edwards of Shady Grove church are enrolled Licentiates.

Petitionary letters are called for and a letter from Hopewell church asking admission as a member of this Conference which is granted and the name of her delegate C. B. Oliver enrolled.

A letter from Andersons Creek church asking admission is granted and the names of her delegates D. J. Hair M. B. Hair and M. B. Dorman are enrolled.

The name of Bro J. D. Cavanaugh [illegible] of South Washington Onslow county N. C. is enrolled visiting minister hand of fellowship extended and he welcomed to a seat in Conference.

On motion the order of Business of 1886 is adopted for 1887.

The Moderator appoints Bros W. H. Canaday J. B. Jernigan and A. H. Lucas Committee on Religious Exercises

On motion 10 o'clock is the time of day of opening Conference on each day of the session.

Committee on religious exercise report to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock at the stand J. P. Osborn followed by G. T. W. Edwards.

On motion Conference adjourns with devotional exercise conducted by Elder R. A. Johnson.

Second Day.

Friday, November 11th. 1887.

Conference is opened at 10 o'clock with religious exercise conducted by Elder R. A. Johnson.

Roll is called and members present answer to their names.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The name of Erasmus Lee delegate from Long Branch church is enrolled.

The name of W. A. Johnson and J. M. Ivey delegates from Prospect; Rafred Lucas. W. B. Norris and J. N. Lucas from Pleasant Grove; H. R. Hayes and Wm. Wise from New Hope; W. H. Pool from New Child and J. W. M. Stanley from Bethel are enrolled.

On motion the report of Committee on religious exercise is recommitted and Committee retires to get up a report.

On motion the moderator appoints Revs. [illegible] Lee Allen Smith and J. W. Ham as Committee to look after and prohibit the sale of certain merchandise on the church yard.

On motion the [illegible] of Rev. B. T. [illegible]

[illegible]
visiting minister and privileges granted
him save that of voting. [illegible]
of Bro. [illegible] Missionary Baptis is
enrolled visiting brother.

The Committee on religious exercise report
to preach tomorrow at the stand at 10:30
[illegible] followed by J. P. Ogburn
and J. T. D. [illegible] to preach at 2 oclock P.M.

It is now [illegible] P.M. the congregation
[illegible] to the stand for [illegible].

The Moderator appoint a Finance Committee
consisting of Bro. J. J. Roberts C B Olive
and [illegible] Barber.

On motion the name of Bro. Underwood
Christian is enrolled visiting minister all
privileges extended to him save that of
voting.

The name of Bro. [illegible] delegate from
[illegible] church is enrolled.

The name of Bro. James P. Canaday of
the Board on Ministerial Character is enrolled
as a member of the body.

The name of John W. Moore delegate from
Bethel church is enrolled.

On motion the [illegible]
[illegible] letters [illegible]
and a letter from [illegible] church asking
for admission as a member of this Conference
which is granted and the names of her
delegates [illegible] and J. T. C[illegible]
are enrolled.

Church letters are called for and read
except St. Mary's Grove which sends no letter

On motion the names of the churches
[illegible] Chapel, Piny Grove and [illegible] School
house are erased from the minutes.

An hour intermission is given for
dinner after which Conference is ready
[illegible]

Elder J. F. Hill offers a resolution to, [illegible] an act of last session which is accepted and adopted. (See Resolutions)

It now being 2 o'clock Elder Edwards with the congregation retire to the stand for preaching.

Resolution offered by Bro S. H. Davis is rejected.

Resolution offered by Bro J. B. Jernigan is received and adopted (See Resolutions

On motion the resolution offered by Ransom West is reconsidered amended and on motion adopted. (See Resolutions)

Resolution of by Elder J. E. Smith is rejected.

Committee on Religious Exercise retire to get up a report.

Committee on Obituaries is called. (Report deferred)

Committee on Ministerial Character (Report deferred.)

Committee on Mission make no report. Bro J. P. Ogburn is relieved from the work of the Mission Board, and Bro H. W. Jernigan elected in his stead.

Committee on religious exercise report to preach tomorrow at the stand at 10:30 W. R. Glover followed by Bro J. D. Cavanagh Robt Strickland at 1:30 p.m followed by J. E. Smith.

On motion Conference adjourns with prayer by Elder John Moore.

Saturday November 12th 1887

Conference is called at 9 o'clock with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by Bro J. [illegible]

[illegible]

Roll is called and 58 members present answer to their names there being only three absentees.

A fine of ten cents is collected from the absentees of yesterday.

The names of Bros. A. G. Hill delegate of Mt. Pleasant church and G. H. Jernigan of Stony Run are enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Committees are requested to retire to [illegible] [illegible].

The regular rules of order are suspended and work under miscellaneous business is taken up.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Woods Grove, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Stony Run, Johnsons Chapel, [illegible], Long Branch and Bethel and taking which it is decided that the next session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference will be held with the church at Stony Run commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in November 1883.

Elder [illegible] Lee is elected to preach the introductory sermon and Elder John [illegible] his alternate.

On motion a collection is taken up for Bro Edwards to recover dammage of his [illegible] buggy wheel amounting to $4.95.

On motion the Secretary is to have [illegible] copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distribute the same.

On motion by Elder J. E. Smith the Secretary be compensated $15.00 for his work in preparing the minutes.

After an intermission of 30 minutes is taken for dinner after which business is again resumed.

The report from Committee [illegible] [illegible] erect a monument at the grave of Elder James Turnage deceased is received and on motion Committee discharged. (See reports.)

Bro. West is granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session; also several other brethren apply whose requests are granted.

Mission Board report is received so far as the work of the Board (but not (the resignation)) and adopted. (See Reports.)

On motion the resignation of the Mission Board is rejected.

The Finance Committee is granted leave of absence to prepare report.

The report of [illegible] on [illegible] is received and adopted. (See report.)

The Committee to see Hall and demand his Credentials failing to report are continued for another year.

Committee to see Byrd and [illegible] time to prepare report.

On motion Elder John Moore is allowed to make a verbal report concerning the work of Ordination and he reports the following: That he has ordained Bros. J. P. Ogburn and J. H. Griffin of Mt. Pleasant church according to the rules of Discipline and of the Apostle Paul which report on motion is adopted.

The report of Finance Committee is received and Committee discharged. (See reports.)

Committee on demanding credentials of Byrd and Salmon is received, and Committee discharged. See reports. See reports.

On motion the credentials of Byrd and Salmon are presented to the Secretary and he requested to record them in the Book of

✓ On motion that the churches in Cape Fear Conference hold a Union meeting on every 5th Sunday and Saturday before and each church be requested to send in a fund for the support of the Mission work.

On motion the first meeting of the Union meeting will be held at Johnson's Chapel church commencing on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in [illegible] 1888, at 12 o'clock m. and each church to send one delegate.

On motion the Conference elect Elder Hall to preach the Mission sermon on Saturday at 12 m.

Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach tomorrow at the stand Rev. B. W. Nash at 10:30 followed by Bro. J. R. H[illegible] closed by Elder John Moore [illegible]

Committee discharged.

On motion the motion of Bro. W. A. Johnson is [illegible] [illegible] withdrawn by Bro. Johnson.

Resolution offered by Bro. W. A. Johnson is [illegible] and on motion adopted (See resolutions)

On motion Bro B. W. Nash is invited to visit the churches of this Conference to preach for us when his convenience will admit.

On motion the Treasurer pay $31.15 the money in hand to the Secretary.

✓ On motion the Committee on regulating the work of the Ministry is discharged.

The name of Bro. Daniel Faircloth is enrolled Licentiate.

Minutes of the day are read and approved.

On motion Conference adjourns to meet at Stony Run on the 8th day Nov. A.D. 1888.

Devotional exercise conducted by Elder John Moore

John S. Johnson
Secretary.

A. W. [illegible] [illegible]

Resolutions and Reports.

✓ Resolution by Elder J. J. Hill.

Resolved, That the resolution passed at our last session respecting the work of the Ministry be and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolution by J. B. Jernigan.

[Believing that a prayer meeting is of great strength to a church be it therefore,

Resolved That this Conference instruct each local church to establish a weekly prayer meeting; the officers to consist of a leader and assistant leader. And report the results to each annual Conference]

✓ Resolution by Paxton West.

Resolved, That the delegates from each church in the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist shall hereafter at their annual Conference hand in to the Committee on Ministerial Character before their report is called for a statement of the number of times that they have had preaching and as near as possible whether disappointment have been providential or culpable.

2nd That no minister shall be held responsible for such disappointments unless he has received a reasonable compensation for his services.

3rd That the delegates shall state in their report to the Committee the amount they have paid their [illegible]

And amended so, that the church Elder shall answer instead the delegate.

On Monument.

Committee elected to solicit funds and erect a monument at the grave of Elder Jernigan submit the following report: That our Treasurer Eld Johnson has purchased the monument at a cost of $70. which was erected at the grave on the 20th day of November A.D. 1886.

Respectfully
John Moore.

Report of the Mission Board

We the Mission Board beg leave to submit the following report:

We find in the hands of Bro B.A. Hodges $27.01 for last year for this year have paid for Mission labor $31.15

We have paid Bro R.A. Johnson for six days Mission work $9. And Bro Linder Lee for eight days Mission work $12, and we have decided to pay Bro Edwards for his Mission work at Antioch and Andersons Creek churches $22.25-

We now leave in the hands of Bro B.A. Hodges our Treasurer $24.65-

Respectfully
H.W. Jernigan Chairman
J.D. Stevens
B.A. Hodges
Jesse Mason
J.H. Pope

Report on Ministerial Character.

We the Committee on Ministerial Character find that the ministers of this Conference are doing their duty and maintaining their christian character so far as we are able to ascertain.

Respectfully.

Ransom West.
J. J. Roberts.
J. B. Jernigan.
A. H. Lucas.
J. P. Canaday.

Report of the Finance Committee.

We the Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following report: We find in the hands of the Treasurer—

Minute funds of this year - - - -	$25.20
Sundry minute funds of last year - -	5.55
Fines of last year - - -	30
Fines of this year - -	10
	$51.15

J. J. Roberts.
Jackson Barber.
C. B. Olive.

Resolution by W. A. Johnson.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the people of Hodges Chapel and vicinity for their kind hospitality to this Conference.

Order of Business

1st Introductory Sermon
2nd Names of those entitled to membership
3rd Organization
4th Enrollment of newly Ordained Ministers
5th Enrollment of Licentiates
6th Call for petitionary letters
7th Hand of Fellowship given to visiting brethren
8th Appointment of Committees.
9th Reports of Churches
10th Resolutions
11th Reports from Committees
12th Miscellaneous Business
13th Adjournment

Statistical Report for 1887.

Churches	Counties	Pastors for 1887	For Missions	Paid to Pastor	Sabbath Schools	Mission Fund	Rec'd	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Number of Members	Increase	Decrease
Prospect	Harnett		1.50	20.00						2		104		2
ridges Chapel	Harnett	J. E. Smith	2.00	25.00	9.70	10.50	4	3	9		5	142		8
asant Grove	Harnett	Robt Strickland	1.00	11.55			4	1	8	4	1	84		1
g Branch	Cumberland	Lumdee Lee	1.00	20.00		4.40	4	4	1	1	1	99	1	
s Chapel	Cumberland	Robert Strickland	1.00	50.00			6	6	1		1	79	5	
dy Grove	Sampson	John Moore	1.70	32.95	2.00	11.75	12	9	7	2	2	201	1	
	Sampson	J. E. Smith	2.00	0.00		4.85	1	1	2		2	107		3
Hope	Johnston	J. W. Edwards	1.50	14.48	3.00		25	19	3	6		91	16	
ndon Union	Johnston	R. C. Willace	1.50	4.00	9.00					1	2	73	3	
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston											58		
	Johnston	R. H. Johnson	2.00	.90	.70	9.25	1	1	1	6	1	75		7
Springs	Johnston	R. C. Wallace and J. P. Ogburn	1.00				1					22	1	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	John Moore	2.00	20.14	2.45		8	4	2	1		74	5	
Prospect	Wayne	J. W. Edwards	.30	7.00			2	1	1		2	24	1	
ods Grove	Wayne	Lumdee Lee	2.35	21.85	2.15	8.10	11	5	2	1	3	7	5	
iendship	Wayne											20		
s Chapel	Johnston	Robert Strickland	1.10	8.72			7	6	5			23	2	
ethel	Johnston	John Moore	1.25	12.00			9	5	1			25	8	
ntioch	Sampson	J. W. Edwards	.50									1	13	
derson's Creek	Johnston	J. W. Edwards	[illegible]	[illegible]			18	15				18	18	
Hopewell	Johnston	J. W. Edwards	[illegible]									24	24	

* Statistics of last year.

Minutes of the Thirty fourth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference

Held with the Church at Stony Run, Sampson Co N. C.

November 8th 9th and 10th 1888

Officers

Moderator — R. F. Johnson
Treasurer J. H. [illegible]
Secretary A. H. Gregory, Buckhorn [illegible]. Harnett Co N. C.

Committees

On Obituaries — W. H. Jernigan, B. A. Hodges and H. H. Lucas.

On Ministerial Charge — H. H. Lucas, [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and J. J. Roberts

On Mission Board — J. J. [illegible] Jesse [illegible], B. [illegible] [illegible] W. H. Jernigan J. C. Stevens & J. H. Pope.

Ordained Ministers

Allen Fowler,	Averasboro	N. C
R. A. Johnson,	Ezra,	N. C.
S. W. Irvin,	Glenmore	N. C.
Robert Strickland,	[illegible]	N. C.
John Moore,	Beasley Hill	N. C.
J. Wilson Lucas,	— —	Tennessee.
J. T. Hill,	Goldsboro	N. C.
Tindal Lee,	Giles' Mills	N. C.
J. E. Smith,	Myatt's Mills	N. C.
R. E. Wallace	Selma	N. C.
J. H. Edwards	Bentonsville	N. C.
J. P. Ogburn	Myatts Mills	N. C.
J. Gibbs	[illegible] Hill	N. C.
W. R. Glover	Little River Academy	N. C.
Kenneth Raynor	Little River Academy	N. C
J. Ellis	Clayton	N. C.
N. R. P. Edwards	Bentonville	N. C.

Licentiates

Daniel Faircloth Averasboro N. C.

Ordaining Council

John Moore, R. A. Johnson and J. T. Hill.

Proceedings.

First Day.

Stony Run Church Sampson Co. N. C.
Thursday, November 8th 1888

The congregation assembles in the church at 12 m. and Elder John Moore introduces services — leads in prayer.

Elder Lundee Lee, who was elected by last Conference to preach the introductory sermon, proceeds and preaches from 1st Kings XVIII, 21st verse: "And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal then follow him. And the people answered him not a word."

After an intermission of thirty minutes for dinner the congregation reassembles. A hymn is sung, and Elder Moore reads a portion of the fifth chapter of Ephesians and offers prayer.

Elder Johnson the Moderator makes some remark concerning the officers continuing in office and no objection being made the old officers are continued.

The Moderator calls to his assistance Elder Lundee Lee.
The Secretary calls Bro. T. G. Hayes to his assistance.
The names of members present are enrolled as follows:

Ministers.

R. F. Johnson, John Moore, Lundee Lee, J. E. Smith and J. T. Ogburn.

Licentiates.

Kenith Reynor and Daniel Faircloth.

Committees.

On Obituaries — W. J. Jernigan
On Mission Board — J. D. Stevens and J. H. Pope

Delegates

Prospect — N. W. Byrd and J. L. Byrd
Hodges Chapel — Not Represented
Pleasant Grove — R. J. Norris
Long Branch — Erasmus Lee, J. W. Taylor and [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] and [illegible]

Shady Grove - R. C. Jackson
Stony Run - J. E. Jernigan
New Hope - Not Represented
Johnston Union - W. H. Avera and J. T. Avera
St. Marys Grove - Not Represented
Johnson's Chapel - W. H. Barber Lemuel Hardee and H. D. Stevens
Union Springs - J. P. Stephenson and T. G. Hayes
Mt. Pleasant - Not Represented
New Prospect - Not Represented
Wood's Grove - John Davis and W. H. Handley
Friendship - Not Represented
New Chapel - Not Represented
Bethel - G. W. Keen
Antioch - Not Represented
Andersons Creek - W. B. McLure Josiah Denning and B. P. Parker
Hopewell - Charley Adams and T. W. Johnson.

A quorum being present, the conference is duly organized for the transaction of business.

On motion by Elder Moore the Moderator appoints Bros. E. Lee, J. E. Smith and J. D. Stevens a committee on the Order of Business

On motion by Bro. Lee the Moderator appoints Bros. R. C. Jackson, N. W. Byrd and Charley Adams a Committee on Religious Excercises.

The report on the Order of Business is received and on motion by Elder Moore the Committee is discharged (See Order of Business)

On motion the Rules of Order are suspended and the reports concerning the work of Ordination received

The names of W. R. T. Edwards, J. S. Ellis, Kenith Raynor and W. R. Glover are enrolled as newly ordained ministers

No names of licentiates are presented for enrollment.

No petitionary letters are received for admission.

No visiting brethren are present for enrollment.

Committee on Religious Excercises report: To preach to-morrow at the stand at 11 o'clock, Elder John Moore followed by Kenith Raynor.

On motion, Conference adjourns till tomorrow morning 10 o'clock. [illegible]

Second Day Friday, November 9th 1888.

Conference is duly opened at ten o'clock, A.M. Religious exercise is conducted by Elder R. H. Johnson.

Roll is called, and members present answer to their names there being only three absentees

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved

The names of J. A. Hodges and G. W. Whitenton delegates from Hodges Chapel; W. E. Godwin, from Shady Grove; Ranson West committee on Ministerial Character; H. R. Hayes, J. A. [illegible] and [illegible] Wise delegates from New Hope; B. C. Parker from St. Mary's Grove; J. R. [illegible] from Bethel; A. T. [illegible] from [illegible] are enrolled.

Also the names of A. N. Jernigan Tanner and J. B. Jernigan, Committe on Ministerial Character, are enrolled.

The name of Elder Robert Strickland is enrolled.

Church letters are called for and read, except Antioch which sends no letter.

The hour having arrived for preaching the congregation and those assigned to the stand retire for preaching

Committee on Religious Exercises retire to get up a report

On motion, the Rules of Order are suspended, and the following names enrolled: John Reynor delegate from Colyer's Chapel; W. H. Pool from New Chapel; Hinton Ennis, from Hodges Chapel.

Also the name of W. R. Glover is enrolled as ordained minister

A fine of ten cents is collected from one of the absentees.

Committees on Religious Exercises report to preach tomorrow at the stand, J. P. Ogburn at 11 o'clock, followed by J. E. Smith; Robert Strickland at 2 o'clock P. M.

The name of L. M. Ryals, delegate from Prospect is enrolled; also the name of J. H. [illegible], a delegated brother from Western Conference is enrolled, the right hand of fellowship extended him and he [illegible] to all privileges of the body save that of voting.

Bro [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to this body

Which is gladly received as terms of peace and and harmony

On motion by Elder Smith we elect one delegate to represent us in the Western Conferenc to be held at Saints Delight, Franklin County near Louisburg, commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in October 1889.

On motion Elder R. A. Johnson is elected to to represent us in that Conference.

Report on Ministerial Character is received and the committee continued.

On motion by Elder Lee we raise ten dollars to pay the expenses of Elder Johnson to and from the Western Conference.

On motion by Elder Robert Strickland Elder Lundee Lee is elected alternate and in case he should have to go the money is to be paid to him instead of Elder Johnson.

On motion the committee relative to the case of Mr. Hall is discharged.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from prospect, Shady Grove and New Hope. Vote taken and it is decided that the next session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference will be held with the Church at Prospect, Harnett County N.C. commencing on Friday before the Second Sunday in November A.D. 1889.

Elder R. A. Johnson is elected to preach the Introductory sermon and Elder J. E. Smith is elected alternate.

On motion the Secretary is to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this conference printed and distributed and on motion we pay him ten dollars for his services

The name of Bro. Nathan Hood, of the Disciples' Church is enrolled as a visiting minister

Resolution offered by Bro Wm Wise is received and after discussion is adopted.

On motion Bro G. N. Kerr is excused for the remainder of the session.

On motion the Conference adjourns till tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. Prayer by Bro Worley.

Third Day.

Saturday, November 10th 188

Conference is duly opened at ten o'clock A. Religious exercise is conducted by Elder [illegible] Smith. Roll is called and fifty members present answer to their names.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The name of Jess Wilson Committee on Mission Board is enrolled.

The name of B. W. Nash is enrolled as a visiting minister

The name of B. A. Hodges Committee on Mission Board is enrolled.

Resolution offered by Elder Moore is not received by the body.

Resolution offered by J. Bernigan in regard to changing the Discipline, received but not adopted.

Resolution offered by Elder Johnson respecting the building of a church in the town of Dunn, is received and after discussion is adopted.

On motion report of the Mission Board is received and that Committee continued.

The name of Bro. Butt of the M. E. Church is enrolled and welcomed to all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach tomorrow at the stand at 11 o'clock, R. S. Johnson followed by B. W. Nash.

Resolution by J. W. Taylor respecting a change in the time of meeting is received and after discussion adopted.

Resolution by John Davis is received; but after discussion is withdrawn by Bro. Davis.

On motion we adopt the Order of Business of 1888 for year 1889.

On motion the time of day of meeting on Friday is changed from 12 to 11 o'clock A.M. and on motion each member of the Conference failing to meet on Friday at 12 o'clock, a fine of 25 cents shall be collected from each so absent.

On motion the Moderator appoints Bros. J. W. Taylor A. Mons and Erasmus Lee at Finance Committee to make a settlement with the Treasurer and report to the body. The committee retire for that purpose

The Finance Committee report which is re-committed for correction.

An intermission of thirty minutes is given for dinner.

Report of the Finance Committee is received and Committee discharged.

Report of the Ordaining Council is received

On motion Bro. Glover is granted leave of absence to go on the stand with Elder Stricklands

On motion the plan of Union Meetings will be retained, and the next session will be held with the church at Hodges' Chapel, on the next fifth Sunday and Saturday before.

Elder R. A. Johnson is elected to preach the Mission Sermon.

On motion Bro. Wise is granted leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Bro. Nash makes some remarks concerning Union movements &c. States that he has visited and preached to several of the churches in our connection; also offers us the Review, a very neat little religious newspaper.

Bro. Hayes is granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion the resolutions offered by

A. W. Gregory is received and adopted.

On motion the Treasurer pay over the money in hand $27.50, to the Secretary to pay for his services and printing the minutes.

On motion the minutes of the day are read and approved.

On motion the Conference adjourns to meet at Prospect Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in November A. D. 1889.

Devotional exercise conducted by Elder Johnson.

A. W. Gregory
Secretary.

R. A. Johnson
Moderator.

Resolutions and Reports.

On Ministerial Character—

We the Committee on Ministerial Character through the co operation of the brethren of the Ministerial Committee submit the following report.

We find that all the ministers have maintained their Christian character so far as we have been able to ascertain.

Respectfully,
Ranson West
J. B. Jernigan
Committee.

A Resolution by Wm Wise.

✓ Resolved, That this Conference instruct each local church to take up a collection for the purpose of defraying the expenses of delegates to and from the Western Conference.

Report of the Mission Board

We the undersigned submit the following:

We find in the hands of our Treasurer Bro B. A. Hodges, $64.71, For the lack of funds we have not had any mission work this year. Respectfully,

A. W. Jernigan, B. A. Hodges, J. D. Stevens, Jesse [illegible] and [illegible]

Resolution By J. W. Taylor.

Resolved, That this Conference change its time of meeting from Thursday before the second Sunday in Nov to Friday before the Second Sunday in November.

Report of the Finance Committee

We, the undersigned Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:-

We find in the hands of the Treasurer

Minute Funds of this year	$ 25.85
Surplus Minute funds of last year	3.65
Fines of this year	.10
Miscellaneous funds	10.15
Total	$ 39.65

Respectfully,

J. W. Taylor,
Alex. Moss,
E. Lee.
Committee.

Report of the Ordaining Council.

We the Ordaining Council Report the following:-
We have examined Brethren J. B. Ellis, W. R. Glover, Kenith Raynor and W. R. T. Edwards and found them orthodox in the faith and have set them apart to the full work of the ministry according to the custom of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

R. A. Johnson,
John Moore,
Ordaining Council

Resolution by R. W. Gregory

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the people of the vicinity of Stony Run Church for the kind hospitality shown during this Conference.

Resolution by Elder R. H. Johnson

Resolved That each church in the Cape Fear Conference be requested by its pastor to collect a sufficient amount of money in the year 1889 to build a Free Will Baptist Church house in the town of Dunn.

Order of Business — 1888 and 1889

1st Introductory Sermon
2 Enrollment of those entitled to membership
3 Organization
4 Appointment of Committees.
5 Reports from Committees
6 Enrollment of newly ordained ministers
7 Enrollment of Licentiates
8 Call for Petitionary Letters
9 Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren
10 Report from Churches
11 Resolutions
12 Miscellaneous Business
13 Adjournment.

Statistical Report for 1888.

Churches	Counties	Pastors for 1888.	For Minutes	Paid to Pastor	Sabbath School	Missions	Funds	Number Rec'd	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Number Members	Increase	Decrease
Prospect	Harnett	Lundee Lee	1.50	39 40				5	3	1	1		105	2	
Hodges Chapel	Harnett	Lundee Lee	2 00	30 00	10.00			8	5	6	1.		150		1
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	J. E. Smith	85	6 80				2	2	2	1		87		2
Long Branch	Cumberland	Lundee Lee	2 00	30 00	10.00	3.00		13	1	5	2		102	6	
Salems Chapel	Cumberland	Robert Strickland	1 00	12 50				2	2	6	6		70		10
Shady Grove	Sampson	R. A. Johnson	1 90	44 10		21.40		23	21	18	6		203		1
Stony Run	Sampson	John Moore	1 00	11 25		44.00				5	4		95		12
New Hope	Johnston	Robert Strickland	1 45	15 75	7.91	7.50		16	11	6	5		86	3	
Johnston Union	Johnston	Robert Strickland	1 50	17 80				3	1	5	4		66		8
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	Jas E. Smith	1 50			5.05		1	1			1	64		
Johnson's Chapel	Johnston	Jas E. Smith	1 50	13.50		6.10				2			72		2
Union Springs	Johnston	J. P. Ogburn	1 00	8 00		1.00		5	5	2	1		24	2	
Mt Pleasant	Wake	Jas E. Smith	1 50	2 00		60				4	2		71		6
New Prospect	Wayne	J. P. Hill	70			2.50		1				3	28		2
Wood's Grove	Wayne	J. P. Hill	2 00			4.00		8	6				82	3	
Friendship	Wayne	J. P. Hill	80							2			20		2
[illegible] Chapel	Johnston	Robert Strickland	40	15 00				3	2	2		1	23		
Bethel	Johnston	John Moore	1 25	5 95				7	7				34	7	
Antioch	Sampson	J. H. Edwards											13		
derson's Creek	Johnston	W. P. Glover	1 00	4 00				8	7	1			26	6	
Hopewell	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	1 00	12 00				9	6	1	1		33	7	

*Statistics of last year.

Minutes of the
Thirty Fifth
Annual Session
# of the
Cape Fear Free Will Baptist
Conference,

Held with the Church at
Prospect, Harnett County N. C.
November 8th and 9th 1889.

Officers.

Moderator	R. H. Johnson.
Treasurer —	H. H. Jernigan.
Secretary	A. W. Gregory Barclaysville Harnett Co. N. C.

Committees.

On Obituaries H. Jernigan B. H. Hodges & [illegible]
On Ministerial Education
J. P. [illegible] J. J. Roberts [illegible]
Blackman, S. E. Jackson and J. H. [illegible]

Ordained Ministers

Wm. Poole	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible]	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible]	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible] Stradford	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible]	[illegible] Mills N.C.
[illegible]	Deceased
[illegible]	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible]	[illegible] Mills N.C.
[illegible] Smith	[illegible] Mills N.C.
[illegible]	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible] Edwards	[illegible]ville N.C.
[illegible]	[illegible] Mills N.C.
[illegible]	[illegible] Mills N.C.
[illegible] Moore	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible]	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible]	Clayton [illegible] N.C.
[illegible] Edwards	[illegible]ville N.C.
Wm. Harris	[illegible] N.C.

Licentiates

[illegible]	[illegible] N.C.
[illegible] Hayes	[illegible]ville N.C.

[illegible]

[illegible], [illegible] J. T. [illegible]

Proceedings — First Day

Prospect [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Friday [illegible] 8th [illegible]

The convention assembled in the [illegible] at eleven o'clock A.M. and Elder R. T. [illegible] who was elected at last Convention to preach the Introductory Sermon being present preached & [illegible] the [illegible] from [illegible] 1st and a portion of the 6th verse. Prayer by Elder Lindee Fee.

After an intermission of twenty minutes for dinner the Convention re-assemble and the names of members present are recorded as follows:

Officers

R. T. Johnson, President; N. W. [illegible] Treasurer; R. T. [illegible] Secretary.

Committees.

On Obituaries — [illegible] and [illegible]

On Missionary Board — Jesse Wilcox, [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] Stevens.

Ministers.

R. T. Johnson, [illegible] Strickland, [illegible] [illegible] J. E. Osborne, [illegible] and [illegible] Edwards.

Licentiate

Joseph Faircloth

Delegates

Prospect — [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] Branch — J. C. Barefoot, [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible] and [illegible]

Piney Branch — [illegible]

[illegible] Branch — [illegible] W. Parker [illegible]

Shady Grove — [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

New Hope — [illegible] and [illegible]

Johnston Union — [illegible]

[illegible]

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Johnson's Chapel — J. H. Johnson, T. J. Sanders and J. R. Barbee.
Union Springs — A. J. Hemming, J. A. Parker and [illegible] Hayes.
Mt. Pleasant — R. H. Coats and [illegible] B. Johnson
Mt. Prospect — [illegible]
Cypress Creek — [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible] Smith
New Bethel — [illegible]
Bethel — [illegible]
Antioch — [illegible]
Anderson's Creek — J. A. Hemming, B. [illegible] Parker and [illegible] Gray.
Hopewell — A. B. Johnson, T. J. [illegible] and Jerry Pope.

A quorum being present the Conference is duly opened for the transaction of business.

The Moderator calls as his assistant Elder J. E. Smith. Bro. J. G. [illegible] is called as assistant Secretary.

On motion the Moderator appoints R. H. Coats, A. O. Johnson and C. B. Hayes a Committee on Religious Exercise who retire to get up a [illegible].

Report is called for from the Committee on Obituaries. No report the Committee continued.

A minority report is received from J. P. Canaday and J. J. Roberts Committee on Ministerial Character and on motion this committee is continued and Bro. F. Buckman is appointed in place of J. J. [illegible], [illegible] in place [illegible] and J. W. Neighbors in place of [illegible].

On motion the name of Bro. [illegible] Bishop as delegated minister from the [illegible] Baptist Conference is enrolled and the hand of fellowship extended and he welcomed to all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

Bro. [illegible] [illegible] to the body [illegible] as [illegible].

[illegible]

preach tomorrow at the stand at 11 o'clock Elder Robert Strickland followed by Elder J. S. [illegible].

On motion Conference adjourns to meet tomorrow morning at 9:30. Religious Exercises conducted by Elder Lundee Lee.

Second Day

Saturday November 9th 18[illegible]

The Conference is duly opened at 9:30. Religious exercises is conducted by Elder Ray Phillips who reads the 13th Chapter of Romans and leads in prayer.

Roll is called and fifty three members present answer to their names; only one absent.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion the name of Elder John Moore is enrolled. His excuse being good, he is released from paying a fine.

The Church letter from Tazewell is read.

On motion the order of business is suspended and work under the head of resolutions is taken up.

The Mission Board retire to get up a report.

On motion resolution offered by Elder [illegible] requesting ministers to report the work done outside the bounds of the Conference is received and adopted.

On motion the name of Rev. Wm. [illegible] of the M. E. Church is enrolled as a visiting minister & welcomed to all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

A fine of ten cents is collected from Elder Edwards as absentee.

On motion the Moderator appoint Bros. J. D. Avery, J. L. Alford and R. [illegible] a Finance Committee.

Report of the Mission Board is received and adopted.

On motion the money is applied as the Mission Board recommends and the Board discontinued.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Shady Grove and [illegible] churches & vote taken and it is decided that the [illegible] Conference held with the Church at [illegible] Commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in [illegible] 18[illegible]0.

Elder Leander Lee is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Conference and Elder J. C. Smith is elected his alternate. At the same meeting the Congregation and those assigned to the stand [illegible] for preaching.

On motion by Elder J. C. Smith the Secretary is to have 500 copies of the Proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed, and be allowed [illegible] dollars for his services.

A letter from Long Branch Church is received and read. The Finance Committee retire to get up a report.

On motion it is decided that we elect a committee to attend the Western Free Will Baptist Conference to ascertain upon what terms this and that Conference can be united.

On motion Bro. A. [illegible] and Elder R. A. Johnson are elected a Committee to that Conference and Bro. [illegible] and Elder Leander Lee are elected alternates.

Bro. [illegible] Wilson is excused for the remainder of the session, also Elder Leander Lee is excused.

After an intermission of thirty minutes for dinner the members reassemble and the Finance Committee report.

There being a deficiency in the Minute funds a collection is taken up from the different churches amounting to $5.20 and is paid into the hands of the Treasurer, and, on motion, the report of the Finance Committee is re-committed for correction and is then received, adopted; and [illegible] discharged.

On motion the name of [illegible] is received and enrolled as a minister of this Conference.

Committee on Religious Exercise retire to get up a report. One of the members of the Committee being absent Bro. J. R. Stone is appointed to fill the vacancy.

[illegible]

preach tomorrow at the stand Rev. Phillips at 11 o'clock followed by Elder R. H. Johnson.

On motion the delegates to the Western Conference are authorized to unite with that Conference should they find them in the same faith and practice as our Conference; otherwise, no union.

Resolution by Elder [illegible] concerning Southern unity is received and adopted.

On the 5th day of November the Southern Convention meets in Nashville, Tennessee and, on motion the Secretary of this Conference is to represent this body in that body by letter.

On motion a vote of thanks is tendered the people of this vicinity and [illegible] for their kind hospitality during this session.

On motion we pay each delegate as travelling expenses to the Western Conference the sum of ten dollars.

The Treasurer pays to the Secretary of the money in hand $2.00 for his services in printing and distributing the minutes.

On motion the Secretary is requested to furnish the [illegible] Courier with a copy of these proceedings for publication and that the Smithfield Herald be requested to copy.

On motion the Secretary is to send twenty five copies of these proceedings to the Western Conference.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the day is dispensed with and the Secretary left to make any correction that he may discover.

On motion we adjourn to meet at Antewell Church, on Friday before the second Sunday in November A.D. 1890.

Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Johnson.

A. W. Gregory,
Secretary.

Elder R. H. Johnson,
Moderator.

Reports and Resolutions.

On Ministerial Character.

J. P. Canaday a member of the Committee on Ministerial Character report the following:

Elder J. E. Smith pastor of Johnson's Chapel Church for the year 1889, has missed two appointments; one time came [illegible], the other time not known. I have been informed that Elder Griffin Pastor of St. Mary's Grove Church for 1889, has missed several appointments, though the cause is not known to me. I have not learned of any misconduct of any of the ministers.

J. P. Canaday
J. J. Roberts
Committee

Resolution by Elder R. R. Johnson.

Resolved; That each minister of the Cape Fear Conference be requested to report to each Annual Conference all the work done outside the organized churches of such Conference and each minister failing to have two or more monthly appointments shall render an excuse for negligence.

Report of the Mission Board.

We the undersigned Mission Board submit the following: We find in the hands of our Treasurer R. R. Johnson $30.31 of last years funds after returning to Sandy Ford Church $27.60; funds raised this year 85 cents, total $38.16. We haven't had any work done this year for want of funds. We offer our resignation and ask that the board be discontinued. We recommend that the money on hand be expended on the building of the church at Dunn.

R. W. German,
Jesse Wilson,
J. L. Stevens,
R. E. Hodges.
Committee.

Report of the Finance Committee.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer—

Minute funds of this year	$ 42.[illegible]
Surplus Minute funds paid over by clerk	.35
Funds of last year not used	12.[illegible]
Fines of this year	1[illegible]
Collection of this year	[illegible]
Total	$ [illegible]

J. Jones
W. [illegible]
J. W. [illegible]ford
Committee

Resolution by Elder Johnson.

2 Resolved, That the [illegible] Free Will Baptist Conference advocate Christian Unity and represent her interest in the Convention that will meet in the Free Will Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, either by letter or by delegation.

Order of Business — 1889.

1st Introductory Sermon;
2d Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3d Organization
4 Appointment of Committees
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Statistical Report for 1889.

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Prospect	Harnett	Lundee Lee	1.50	24.50			6	5	1		2	108		
[illegible] Chapel	Harnett	Lundee Lee	90	28 00	9.63		9	2	2	1	3	123	3	
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	J. E. Smith	1 05				31	26	1	4	2	113	25	
Long Branch	Cumberland	R. A. Johnson	1.00	22 00		2.900	3		7	6		81		10
[illegible] Chapel	Cumberland	R. A. Johnson	1 00	38 75	1.38	15.00			3			67		3
Shady Grove	Sampson	Lundee Lee	1 1 0	40 75	10.20	2.50	17	13	3	2	6	209	6	
[illegible]	Sampson	Lundee Lee	100	17 75			12	12				107	12	
Red Oak	Johnston	Robert Strickland	1 10	12 05	5.22	100	1		9	5		80	1	9
[illegible] Union	Johnston	J. A. Ellis	100	2 75	5 00	13.13	7	5	5	2	1	63		1
[illegible] Grove	Johnston	J. H. Griffis	1 00	6 50	80		1	1	8	1	1	48	1	11
[illegible]	Johnston	J. E. Smith	1 5 0	15 00	50	2.00	2		2	2		72		2
[illegible] Springs	Johnston	J. P. Ogburn	1 00	9.50		72.00	2	2	1			25	1	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	John Moore	1 00	12 00					4		3	64		7
New Prospect	Wayne	J. T. Hill	1 00	3 00			1		1		1	27		1
Wood's Grove	Wayne	J. T. Hill	2 00	22.05	2 00	450	2	1	4		2	73		4
Friendship	Wayne	J. T. Hill	1 00	4 45	2 25		4	3			4	24		
[illegible] Chapel	Johnston	Robert Strickland	80	18.80		40	11	9				34	11	
Bethel	Johnston	John Moore	1 00	12.00		6550.00	1	1	1			35		
Anderson's Creek	Johnston	J. C. R. Glover	1 00	9.00		541	4	4	1	1		28	2	
Hopewell	Johnson	R. A. Johnson	1 00	14.77		100			1			32		1
Dunn	Harnell.	R. A. Johnson	100									21	21	

Minutes of the
Thirty-Sixth Annual Session
# of the
Cape Fear
Free Will Baptist
Conference

held with the church at

Hopewell Johnston Co. N.C.

November 7th and 8th 1890.

R. A. Johnson, Moderator. [illegible] N.C.

R. W. Gregory, Secretary. Dudleyville N.C.

Officers.

Moderator — R. A. Johnson
Treasurer H. H. Jernigan

Committees.

On Obituaries — W. A. Colvill, R. G. Jackson & A. H. Lucas.
On Ministerial Character — J. P. Canaday, A. W. Boyett, H. R. Hayes A. T. Blackman, S. D. Jackson and W. H. Avery.

Ordained Ministers

R. A. Johnson	Dunn N.C.
S. B. Rain	Glenmore N.C.
Robt Strickland	Glenmore N.C.
J. Wilson Lucas	Tennessee
J. T. Hill	Goldsboro N.C.
Lundee Lee	Giles' Mills N.C.
J. E. Smith	Myatts Mills N.C.
R. G. Wallace	Selma N.C.
J. W. Edwards	Bentonville N.C.
J. P. Ogburn	Myatts Mills N.C.
J. H. Griffis	Myatts Mills N.C.
W. R. Glover	Little River Academy N.C.
— McKlimore	— Fayetteville N.C.
Smith Rayner	Little River Academy N.C.
J. S. Ellis	Clayton N.C.
W. R. T. Edwards	Bentonville N.C.
Wm Harris	Dunn, N.C.

Ordaining Council.

R. A. Johnson, J. P. Ogburn and W. H. Canaday

Proceedings. First Day.

Hopewell Church Johnston Co. N.C.
Friday November 7th 1890.

The congregation assembles in the church at 11:45 A.M. Elder Lauder Lee who was elected last year to preach the Introductory sermon & Elder J. E. Smith, his alternate; neither being present, the Introductory Sermon is deferred. Elder J. T. Hill reads the 19th Psalm and after singing praise leads in prayer.

It is learned that Elder Lee and his alternate Elder Smith are each delayed by sickness.

By a vote it is decided to have an Introductory sermon and Elder Hill being called, responds and preaches the Introductory sermon from the 15 chapter and a part of the fourth verse of St. John: "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me."

After an intermission of twenty minutes for dinner the congregation re-assembles and the names of members present are enrolled as follows:

Officers

R. A. Johnson, Moderator. H. H. Gregory Secretary.

Committees.

On Obituaries - N. T. Lucas.
On Ministerial Character - W. T. Blackman & S. J. Jackson.

Ministers.

R. A. Johnson, Robert Strickland, J. T. Hill, J. E. Raines, [illegible] Raynor and J. A. Ellis.

Licentiates.

None.

Delegates.

Prospect - W. A. Upchurch & Richard Lovell
Hopewell Church - Jno. Hodges & N. T. Lucas.
[illegible] - [illegible] Barrett Arthur [illegible]

Long Branch	By Letter
Colyers' Chapel –	J. E. Lucas and John A. Raynor
Shady Grove –	Ransom West, R. C. Jackson and S. D. Jackson Jr.
Stony Run –	G. H. Jernigan and J. B. Pope
New Hope	H. B. Hayes S. J. Thain and W. B. Strickland
Johnston Union –	W. H. Avery, John T. Avery and W. A. Davis
St. Marys Grove	B. C. Harper and J. W. Pollard
Johnson's Chapel –	W. H. Canaday and W. H. Barber
Union Springs –	J. N. Gregory, J. P. Stephenson and Newit Stephenson
Mt. Pleasant	R. G. Hill and W. H. Coats
New Prospect –	N. W. Boyett and Wm Merritt
Woods' Grove –	Not Represented
Friendship –	By letter
New Chapel	W. H. Pool
Bethel –	R. D. Thomas and J. W. Moore
Andersons' Creek –	J. D. McNair and J. S. Denning
Hopewell –	A. Moss, Uriah Thompson and Jerry Pope
Dunn –	Not Represented

In the absence of the Treasurer, brethren Andrew Hodges and A. Moss were placed in nomination for Treasurer pro tem, and by vote A. Moss was elected.

Bro. Andrew Hodges is called to the assistance of Elder R. A. Johnson as Moderator.

The Secretary calls to his assistance N. H. Lucas.

The names of Elders C. R. Pierce and J. P. Mozingo, delegates from the Western Conference are enrolled also the names of Elder R. T. Lucas and Bro. J. J. Harris are enrolled as visiting brethren from the Western Conference and during the singing of a hymn the right hand of fellowship was given by the brethren and they were welcomed to seats in the body with all the privileges save that of voting.

The following committees were appointed:

On Religious Exercises – W. H. Barber of Johnson's Chapel S. D. Jackson of Shady Grove and W. H. Coats of Mt. Pleasant

On Finance – J. E. Lucas of Colyers Chapel; N. H. Lucas of Hodges Chapel and W. A. Colville of Prospect.

[illegible] the Moderator appoints R. G. Hill to fill the place of W. J. Finnegan and R. C. Jackson to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of B. A. Hodge Committee on Obituaries; A. H. Boyett in place of J. J. Roberts and H. R. Hayes in place of Bro. Neighbors Committee on Ministerial Character.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elder John Moore as a member of the Ordaining Council the following are put in nomination: J. C. Smith, J. P. Ogburn, W. F. Cunaday and Robert Strickland. Bro. W. F. Cunaday is elected.

On motion at the request of Elder Hill he is excused and Elder J. P. Ogburn is elected to fill the vacancy caused by the relief of Elder Hill from serving as a member of the Ordaining Council.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report: Preaching tomorrow at the stand at 11 o'clock Elder B. R. Rue followed by Elder Smith Reynor.

On motion the order of business was suspended and the reports from churches taken up and church letters read except the letters from Hopewell and Union which are postponed until to-morrow morning.

Elder Hill petitions the Conference for Wood's Grove Church.

Elder Strickland petitions the Conference for New Hope Church.

Elder P. T. Lucas presents the paper Free Will Baptist which was endorsed and encouraged by Elder Johnson for the consideration of this body and asks the patronage of this Conference.

On motion Conference adjourns until tomorrow morning at 9.30. The exercises of the day closed by singing praise.

Second Day.

Saturday, November 8th 1890.

The Conference is duly opened at 9:30. Religious exercises conducted by Elder P. T. Lucas, who reads the 13th chapter of Corinthians, and after the singing of praise leads in prayer.

The roll is called and forty eight members answer to their names.

The minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The church letter from Hopewell is read and a contribution of $1.00 is received from the church at Dunn, as minute fund but no letter is received.

Reports from Committees are called for.

Committee on Obituaries retire to get up a report.

Committee on Ministerial Character retire to get up a report.

Verbal reports from ministers are heard.

Elder Hill reports that he has labored in the bounds and has preached outside the bounds of the Conference as much as ten sermons and done other work.

Elder Johnson reports that he has worked in the bounds but has not worked outside the bounds of the Conference, though he intends to do so during the ensuing year.

Elder Osgood reports that he has filled two appointments in the bounds and has kept up the monthly appointment outside the bounds of the Conference.

Bro. Raynor reports that he has filled two appointments monthly in the bounds and has worked largely outside the bounds of the Conference.

It being 11 o'clock the congregation and those assigned to the stand retire for preaching.

On motion Elder J. T. Hill is excused for the remainder of the session.

Elder Ellis states that he has filled two [illegible] appointments in the bounds [illegible]

Conference. He also states that he has a written report which we will present.

The Committee on Obituaries make a partial report ask further time.

On motion the Committee is granted until the next Conference meets to make their report.

On motion Samuel Hardee, delegate from Johnson Chapel is enrolled.

Report of Committee on Finance is received and on motion adopted.

A deficiency of sixty five cents being found in the minute funds also a deficiency of $ [illegible] being found in paying the expenses of the delegates to the Western Conference of last year the money to pay said deficiency, on motion is raised.

On motion it is ordered that the minutes be distributed in proportion to the amounts furnished from the Churches & that 50 copies be sent the Western Conference.

The Committee on Ministerial Character make their report which is received adopted and the Committee continued.

Resolution offered by A. W. Gregory, concerning the ministers, is received and adopted.

Report of A. W. Jernigan committee from the Western Free-Will Baptist Conference is received and on motion is adopted.

Resolution offered by J. R. Canaday is received and on motion adopted.

On motion the moderator appoints [illegible] additional to the Committee on Ministerial Character.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Wood's Grove, Shady Grove, Johnston Union, Johnson's Chapel & New Hope Churches, a vote taken and it is decided that the next Annual Conference be held with the Church at Johnson's Chapel, Commencing on Friday before the Second Sunday in November 1891 at 11 o'clock A.M.

On motion Eld. [illegible] Joiner [illegible] preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder R. A. Johnson his alternate.

An intermission of twenty minutes for dinner is taken after which the congregation re-assembles.

The Committee on Religious Excercises report: To preach to-night Elder J. B. Tozinga; tomorrow Elder P. T. Lucas at 10:30 A. M. followed by Elder R. A. Johnson; which is received and Committee discharged.

On motion the Treasurer pro tem., pay $32.35 the money in hand, to the Secretary, to pay for minutes, he to pay the surplus to the permanent Treasurer.

On motion the Treasurer is instructed to pay the delegates of the last Western Conference, the balance of the deficiency.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to have 500 copies of the proceedings of the Conference, printed and distibuted and that he should be allowed $10.00 for his services.

On motion the Secretary is requested to send a copy of the proceedings of this Conference to the Free-Will Baptist published at Snow Hill, for publication.

On motion this Conference endorses the Free-Will Baptist as the organ of our denomination.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the day is dispensed with and the Secretary left to make any corretions he may find

On motion a vote of thanks is tendered the people of the vicinity of Hopewell Church for their kind hospitality shown during the session.

On motion adjourned to meet at Johnson's Chapel, on Friday before the second Sabbath in November, A.D., 1891, at 11 o'clock A.M.

Closing exercise remarks and prayer by Elder Johnson.

R. A. Johnson,
Moderator.

A. W. Gregory,
Secretary.

Reports and Resolutions.

We, the committee, after consultation find that the faith and practice of this Conference is the same as that of the Cape Fear Conference and we submit the following:

Resolved; 1st That this Conference [Western] and the Cape Fear Conference unite in their co-operation and work as one people.

2nd That they hold a general Conference on Tuesday before the Second Sabbath in February 1891, with Pine Level Church at 12 O'clock

3d That the officers, ministers and licentiates of each conference are members of the General Conference.

4th That the Churches of each Conference are entitled to one delegate.

5th That said resolutions be submitted to the Cape Fear Conference for adoption.

6th Elder R. P. Johnson preach the Introductory Sermon Bro. D. Davis his alternate

—For the Committee,
H. W. Jernigan

On Ministerial Character.

We the Committee on Ministerial Character report the following: As far as our knowledge reaches we know nothing against any of the ministers by by general report some of them are not doing their duty. We think the Committee too small to ascertain the general report of the ministers of the Conference at large and ask for a larger Committee.

S. D. [illegible]
H. H. Blackman.
[illegible] Bryett.
J. R. Hayes.
Committee.

On Obituaries.

We, the Committee on Obituaries not being able to obtain facts at present in reference to the life and death of Elders A. Fowler and John Moore, ask the Conference for further time to make our report.

N. H. Lucas,
R. C. Jackson,
W. A. Colville,
Committee.

On Finance.

We find in the hands of A. Nuns Treasurer pro. tem.,:

Minute fund of this year	$ 24.35
Surplus minute fund paid by Secretary	1.00
Expense of delegates to Western Conference	1.00
	$ 26.35

N. H. Lucas
J. E. Lucas
W. A. Colvill
Committee

[Resolution by J. P. Canaday.

Whereas, The report is current that Elder J. W. Edwards has brought disgrace upon his calling by intemperance; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Ministerial Character be and are hereby empowered to investigate said charges at once and if the report be found true that they have final jurisdiction to suspend him from preaching.

Resolved, That said Committee be empowered to act likewise with any other minister of Cape Fear Free Will [Baptist] Conference.]

J. P. Canaday

Resolution by A. W. Gregory

Resolved, That after the ensuing year closes no minister's name shall be continued upon the minutes of the [illegible] Conference except that they shall present themselves at each annual Conference either in person or by letter.

A. H. Gregory

Order of Business – 1890.

1st Introductory Sermon
2 Enrollment of those entitled to membership
3 Organization
4 Appointment of Committees
5 Reports from Committees
6 Enrollment of newly ordained ministers
7 Enrollment of licentiates
8 Call for petitionary letters
9 Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren
10 Reports from Churches
11 Resolutions
12 Miscellaneous business
13 Adjournment.

Statistical Table [1890]

Churches	Counties	Pastors for 1890.	For Minutes.	Paid to Pastors.	Sabbath Schools.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Members Recd.	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Number of Members.	Increased	Decreased
Prospect	Harnett	Lee & Reynor	150	21.47	5.20		1	1	4			102		3
Hodges' Chapel	Harnett	J.E. Smith	150	40.00			5	3	8			120		3
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Wm Harris	150				1		1		4	108		3
Spring Branch	Cumberland	Robert Strickland	100	20.00		58.00			3		3	72		6
Rogers' Chapel	Cumberland	R.A. Johnson	100	41.50			7	4	2		1	74	4	3
Shady Grove	Sampson	W.R. Glover	135	40.50	2.25	36.50	25	21			3	229	22	
Stony Run	Sampson	Lundel Lee	105	7.00		20.00						107		
New Hope	Johnston	W.R.T. Edwards	180	10.20	4.85				6	1		73		7
Johnston Union	Johnston	J.A. Ellis	100	8.75	5.00	30.00	19	13	6	2	1	72	11	
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	J.P. Ogburn	150			.80	3	2		1	1	57	2	1
Johnsons Chapel	Johnston	R.A. Johnson	200	13.10		1.00	1	1	2	2	1	69		4
Union Springs	Johnston	J.P. Ogburn	100	9.00		10.00	1	1				26	1	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	J.A. Griffis	150	6.00					1	2	3	59		6
New Prospect	Wayne	J.T. Hill	100	2.00			1					28	1	
*Wood's Grove	Wayne	J.T. Hill										73		
Friendship	Wayne	J.T. Hill	100	5.00	1.50							24		
New Chapel	Johnston	R.C. Wallace	60	10.25			6	6	4			36	2	
Bethel	Johnston	Robert Strickland	100	12.00			5	4	1	1		35	2	
Anderson's Creek	Harnett	Kenith Raynor	100	12.00		9.40	1		3	1		24		3
Hopewell	Johnston	R.A. Johnson	100	15.25		1.00			3			29		3
*Dunn	Harnett	R.A. Johnson	100									31		

* Last year.

Minutes of the
Thirty Seventh Annual Session
# of the
Cape Fear
Free Will Baptist Conference

held with the church at
Johnson's Chapel, Johnston Co. N.C.

November 6th and 7th 1891.

R. A. Johnson, Moderator   Dunn N.C.
A. W. Gregory, Secretary   Barclaysville, N.C.

The next session will be held with Bethel Church, beginning Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October 1892. Bethel is two miles from Four Oaks Johnston County N.C.

Officers.

Moderator - R. A. Johnson
Treasurer - H. W. Jernegan
Secretary - A. W. Gregory Barclaysville, Harnett Co. N.C.

Committees.

On Obituaries – W. A. Colwill; R. C. Jackson and N. H. Lucas.
On Ministerial Character. – J. P. Canaday, H. R. Hayes, J. A. Hodges, J. B. Strickland G. M. Core and W. H. Avery.

Ordained Ministers.

R. A. Johnson	Dunn N.C.
S. B. Phain	Glenmore N.C.
Robert Strickland	Glenmore N.C.
J. T. Hill	Goldsboro N.C.
Lundee Lee	Giles' Mills N.C.
J. E. Smith	Myatts Mills N.C.
J. P. Ogburn	Myatts Mills N.C.
J. H. Griffis	Myatts Mills N.C.
W. R. Glover	Little River Academy N.C.
D. J. McLimore	Fayetteville N.C.
Kenith Raynor	Little River Academy N.C.
J. S. Ellis	Clayton N.C.
Wm Harris	Dunn N.C.

Ordaining Council.

R. A. Johnson, J. P. Ogburn and W. H. Canaday.

Proceedings – First Day.

Johnson's Chapel Church Johnston Co. N.C.
Friday November 6th 1891.

The congregation assemble in the Church at 11:45 A.M. Elder D. J. McLimore, who was elected last year to preach the Introductory sermon, being present proceeds and preaches the Introductory from St. Matthew XXVIII : 18, 19 & 20 (verses) "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying: All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth; go ye, therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world, amen."

After an intermission of thirty minutes, the congregation re-assemble, and is called to order by the Moderator and names enrolled as follows:

Officers.

R. A. Johnson, Moderator; H. V. Jernigan, Treasurer; A. R. Gregory, Secretary.

Committees.

On Obituaries – None.
On Ministerial Character – W. H. Avery and H. R. Hayes.

Ministers.

R. A. Johnson, Robert Strickland, J. T. Hill, Lundee J. (by letter) J. E. Smith, J. P. Ogburn, J. H. Griffis, W. H. Glover, D. J. McLimore, Kenith Reynolds, J. S. Ellis, S. B. Thain (by letter), and Wm Harris (by letter).

Licentiates.

J. W. Moore, T. G. Hayes, Daniel Faircloth & W. T. [illegible]

Delegates.

Prospect Church – R. M. Parker.
Hodges Chapel – J. A. Hodges.
Pleasant Grove – W. A. Faircloth.
Long Branch – J. H. Pope.

Colyers Chapel — W. P. Colyer and N. B. Norris.
Shady Grove — C. M. Core, Noel West and S. F. Jackson.
Stony Run — W. J. Jernigan, J. R. Barefoot and Josiah Hudson.
New Hope — J. B. Strickland.
Johnston Union — J. T. Avery, J. M. Corbett, and J. R. Norris
St. Mary's Grove — B. C. Harper and J. W. Pollard.
Johnson's Chapel — Jackson Barber, J. E. Barber and J. A. Johnson
Union Springs — J. N. Gregory and S. H. Davis.
Mt. Pleasant — A. G. Hill and T. B. Myatt.
New Prospect — By letter.
Woods' Grove — J. C. Smith
Friendship — By Letter
[illegible] Chapel — J. H. Wood and J. C. Ellis
Bethel — J. R. Massengill and G. E. Moore.
Anderson's Creek — S. J. Moore and Daniel Wray.
Hopewell — D. C. Johnson, J. H. Alford and T. E. Oliver.
Dunn — G. R. Hodges.

Fifty-four members being present the Conference is duly organized for the transaction of business.

The Secretary offers his resignation and earnestly asks acceptance but on motion is rejected by the body.

Elder McLimore is called assistant Moderator, and T. G. Stancil is called Assistant Secretary.

The Moderator appoints J. A. Johnson, A. G. Hill and G. R. Hodges a Committee on Religious Exercises. —

Noel West, W. P. Colyer and W. J. Jernigan a committee on Finance.

J. H. Hodges, J. B. Strickland and C. M. Core are appointed to fill vacancies in the committee on Ministerial Character

The [illegible] of R. C. Jackson, from Shady Grove, and J. H. Moore from Bethel are enrolled Licentiates.

Petitionary letters are called for but none are received.

Reports from Churches are called, and Church letters read from all the churches.

Committee on Religious Exercises retire to get up a report.

The following verbal reports are made by the ministe[illegible]

Elder Hill reports that he has served two churches reguearly and done other successful work, etc.,

Elder Smith reports that he has served one church and done outside work, etc.

Elder Reynor reports that he has filled one monthly appointment and preached twenty seven sermons outside the bounds of the Conference, &c.

Elder McLimore reports that he has worked success fully, and that large fields are yet open, &c.,

Elder Griffis reports that he has served one church and done some outside work, etc.,

Elder Ogburn reports that he has served two churches with some additions, &c.

Elder Robert Strickland reports that he has served five churches some and done a vast amount of outside work, &c.

Elder Glover reports that he has served two churches held glorious revivals, etc.,

Elder Ellis reports that he has served three churches held revivals, &c.

Elder Johnson reports that he has preached and held successful revivals, etc.,

Elder Lee reports, by letter, that he has served three churches and done a vast amount of other work, etc.

Elder Thain reports, by letter, that he is very infirm 85 years of age and asks an interest in all our prayers.

Elder Harris is reported as well stricken in years but has been laboring for the Master.

The committee on Religious Excercises report to [illegible] to-morrow at the stand at 11 o'clock J. E. Smith followed by J. T. Hill, at night, P. A. Johnson followed by J. H. Griffis.

On motion conference adjourns till tomorrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder Johnson.

Second Day.

Saturday, November 7th 1891.

The Conference is duly opened at 9:30. Religious Excercises is conducted by Elder J. T. Hill, who reads 13th Chapter Corinthians and leads in prayer.

Roll is called and fifty members are present to answer to their names.

The minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The names of Al. C. Hayes and P. L. Hayes delegates from New York are enrolled.

The Committee on Ministerial Character retire to get up a report.

Fines are collected from abuntees.

On motion the order of business is suspended and work resumed under the head of miscellaneous business.

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Johnston Union, Bethel and Shady Grove. Vote taken and decided that the next Conference be held with the Church at Bethel, Johnston Co. N.C. Commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October 1892 at 11 o'clock A.M.

Elder J. T. Hill is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder R. A. Johnson is elected altarnate.

The name of C. T. Temple delegate from Bethel Church is enrolled.

It now being 11 O'clock the Congregation and those assigned to the stand retire for preaching.

The name of E. C. Phillips delegate from the Western Conference is enrolled.

The report of the Finance Committee is received and on motion adopted and Committee relieved.

Report on Ministerial Character is received and on motion adopted and Committee continued.

On motion the names of Jo. W. Edwards, W. R. J. Edwards and N. C. Wallace are erased from the minutes and their Credentials demanded.

On [illegible] [illegible] Elder [illegible] Strickland a Committee to demand their credentials and make his report to the next Annual Conference.

Resolution offered by A. W. Gregory, concerning a monument to Elders Moore and Fowler is received and on motion refused to adopt.

Resolution offered by A. W. Gregory concerning the election of officers is received and adopted.

Resolution offered by J. E. Ellis is received and on motion tabled.

On motion Elders McDinmore, Johnson and A. W. Gregory are elected delegates to represent this Conference in the Western Conference which is to meet with the Church at Holly Springs in Bula on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1892.

After thirty minutes intermission for dinner, the business is resumed, and on motion the Conference votes to raise $15. to pay the expenses of the delegates to and from the Western Conference.

Resolution offered by J. P. Canaday is received and amended by Elder Hill to change the time of holding Conference, on motion, is adopted.

Resolution by H. W. Jernigan is received and on motion adopted.

A fine of twenty-five cents is collected from Bro. J. W. Taylor and Bro. B. C. Harper pays a fine of ten cents also Bro Temple pays a ten-cent fine.

Resolution by C. M. Coxe is received and adopted.

Resolution by J. A. Hodges is received and on motion adopted.

On motion Secretary is to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed

On motion the secretary is allowed $10 for his services in preparing and distributing the minutes.

On motion the Secretary is to send 50 copies to the Western Conference.

On motion the law passed at Johnston Union Church in regard to Psalmody Hymn Books is hereby repealed and Zion's Hymns is adopted by this body to be used in all the Churches.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach tomorrow at the stand at 10:30, Elder McLimore, followed by Robert Strickland and closed by R. A. Johnson which on motion is received and committee discharged.

On motion a vote of thanks is tendered the people of this vicinity for their kindness during this the session.

On motion the Treasurer pays $26.22 the amount as per report of the Finance Committee, to the Secretary.

The minutes of the day are read and approved

On motion, Conference adjourns to meet at Bethel Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, A. D. 1892. at 11. O'clock A. M.

Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Johnson.

R. A. Johnson
Moderator

A. W. Gregory,
Secretary.

Reports and Resolutions.

On Ministerial Character.—

✓ We the Committee on Ministerial Character report the following:

We find the charges of intemperance against J. W. Edwards to be well established and we through our Chairman ordered him to leave off preaching till your Annual Conference now in session. The Committee having learned that since investigation said Edwards has been expelled from his Church we therefore ask that your body demand his Credentials.

Relative to the continued non attendance at the Annual Conference and as to his not preaching R. C. Wallace was interviewed by our Committee and we ask that your body demand his Credentials

W. R. Edwards has not been preaching and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible]

fore ask that his credentials be demanded.]
We know nothing derogatory to the character of any other minisister in our Conference.
We ask the co-operation of the church clerks, of the church clerks of the local churches to assist us in our work.

Respectfully,

J. P. Canaday,
J. A. Hodges,
C. M. Core,
N. H. Avery,
Committee.

On Finance.

We the Finance Committee submit the following report:

We find in the hands of the Treasurer, Minitte funds for the year 1891.	$ 24 20
Surplus of 1890	1.60
Fines collected	30
Total	$ 26.2[illegible]

N. A. Kernigan
L. H. Best
N. T. Colyer
Committee.

Resolution by J. P. Canaday

Resolved, That the time of holding Conference be changed to Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October in each year.

J. P. Canaday.

Resolution by A. W. Gregory.

Resolved, That we hold an election of officers at the meeting of the next Annual Conference.

A. W. Gregory.

Resolution by C. M. Core.

Resolved, That each local church be requested to report at each Annual Conference the amount of Sunday school work done during the year.

C. M. Core.

Resolution by A. W. Jernigan.

Resolved, That each church in the conference be requested to send with their delegate to the Union Conference an amount of ten cents per head of their membership as a Mission fund.

Faithfully A. W. Jernigan.

Resolution by J. A. Hodges.

Resolved, That each minister of the Cape Fear Conference be requested to remain at each Annual Conference the entire session, and leaving without excuse shall be fined the sum of five dollars. Respectfully

J. A. Hodges.

Order of Business.— Same as last year.

Churches	Counties	Pastors for 1841	For Minutes	Paid to Pastors	Sabbath Schools	Miscellaneous	Baptized	Received	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Number of Members	Increase	Decrease
Prospect	Harnett	W. R. Glover	1 00	20.16		5 60	7	4	3	6	2	96		4
Hodges Chapel	Harnett	J. E. Smith	1 00	30.00	1 00		4		3			110	1	
asant Grove	Harnett	Wm Harris	1 00				21	19			1	131	20	
ng Branch	Cumberland	Lundee Lee	1 00	25.17	5.00		23	18	4	1	1	27	17	
olyers Chapel	Cumberland	D. J. McLemore	1.00	55.46	2 09		3	2				73	3	
hady Grove	Sampson	Lee & Glover	1 10	40.20	3.65	7 63	59	47	3		5	278	51	
tony [illegible]	Sampson	R. A. Johnson	1.50	30.00	3.00		33	28		5	1	134	29	
e Hope	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	1.70	20.50	7 43	2 10	2		2	3		66		3
ston Union	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1.50	11.70	7 37	9.90	13	7	3	3		78	7	
Mary's Grove	Johnston	J. P. Ogburn	1.00						7	1		43		8
hnson's Chapel	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1.50	18 00	3 75		1	1	2	2		66		3
nion Springs	Johnson	J. P. Ogburn	1.00	9 00			1	1				27	1	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	J. S. Ellis	2.02	15 80	6 72	25 25	3	2	1		1	60	1	
New Prospect	Wayne	J. T. Hill	.75		1 15		2		2	2		24		2
Woods' Grove	Wayne	Robert Strickland	1 50	15.71		9.75						71		
Friendship	Wayne	J. T. Hill	65	5 00	4 45		8					22	3	
New Chapel	Johnston	Robt Strickland	60	10.00	1 70							36		
Bethel	Johnston	Robt Strickland	1 25	12.00			19	18	1		2	50	13	
nderson's Creek	Harnett	Kenith Reynor	1 00	12.00		2.00		1				26		1
opewell	Johnston	Robt Strickland	1 00	20.00			2	2	4			23	2	
Dunn	Harnett	R. A. Johnson	1 25			22.25	37	26			1	55	36	
												1405		

Minutes of the Thirty-eighth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference held with Bethel Church, Johnston County N.C.

October 21st and 22nd 1892.

Lumda Lee, Moderator, Giles' Mill, N.C.
B. A. Hodges, Treasurer, Dunn, N.C.
H. W. Jernigan Secretary Dunn, N.C.

The next session will be held with Shady Grove Church, beginning Friday before the Second Sunday in November 1893. Shady Grove is thirteen miles from Dunn, in Sampson Co N.C.

Committees.

On Obituaries— R. C. Jackson

On Ministerial Character— H. R. Hayes, J. A. Hodges C. M. Core and G. B. Strickland.

Ordained Ministers.

R. [illegible]nson	Dunn, N.C.
J. B. Thain	Glenmore N.C.
Robert Strickland	Glenmore N.C.
J. C. Hill	Goldsboro N.C.
Lumda Lee	Giles' Mill N.C.
J. G. Smith	Myatts Mills N.C.
[illegible]	Myatts Mills N.C.
[illegible]	Little River Academy N.C.
[illegible]	Little River Academy N.C.

Ordained Ministers - Continued

J. A. Ellis	Clayton N.C.
Wm Harris	Dunn N.C.
Wm L. Godwin	Bass, N.C.

Licentiates.

J. W. Moore, T. G. Hayes, R. C. Jackson and J. D. Avery.

Ordaining Council.

R. A. Johnson, J. P. Ogburn and Linda Lee.

Proceedings.

First Day.

Bethel Church, Johnson Co. N.C.

— Friday, October 21st 1892.

The congregation assembles in the church at 11:15 A.M. Elder Hill who was elected at last Conference to preach the Introductory Sermon being absent Elder R. A. Johnson, his alternate, being present, ascends and preaches the Introductory from 1 Cor: 10:21.

After an intermission of thirty minutes the congregation re-assemble, and is called to order by the moderator, and names enrolled as follows:

Officers.

Linda Lee, Moderator; B. A. Hodges, Treasurer; S. A. Jernigan, Secretary.

Committees.

On Obituaries - R. C. Jackson

On Ministerial Character - R. K. Hayes, J. T. Hodges, C. M. Core and J. B. Strickland.

Ministers.

R. A. Johnson, S. B. Thane, Robert Strickland, J. T. Hill (by letter) Linda Lee, J. E. Smith (by letter), J. P. Ogburn, W. R. Glover, Kenneth Raynor, J. A. Ellis, Wm Harris (by letter) Wm L. Godwin.

Licentiates.

J. W. Moore, T. G. Hayes, R. C. Jackson and J. D. Avery;

Delegates.

Prospect — T. R. Fowler and J. L. Byrd.
Hodges Chapel — W. R. Strickland.
Pleasant Grove — Not Represented
Long Branch — H. Reynor and L. M. Tart
Coopers Chapel — W. B. Cooper and J. Lucas
Shady Grove — J. E. Wilson, A. L. West and H. Godwin
Stony Run — W. J. Jernigan, Josiah Hudson and N. B. Barefoot.
New Hope — J. B. Jernigan, W. B. Strickland and H. J. Blackmon.
Johnston Union — J. M. Corbett and J. B. Norris.
St. Marys Grove — W. L. Langdon and B. C. Harper
Johnsons Chapel — Lemuel Hardee, W. C. Langdon and M. J. Barber.
Dennis
Union Springs — J. T. Gregory, A. W. Denning and J. H. Parks.
Mt. Pleasant — W. H. Coats and L. H. Jones.
New Prospect — Not Represented.
Woods Grove — Not Represented.
Friendship — By Letter
New Chapel — W. G. Wood and J. L. Adams
Bethel — N. R. Stanley, J. W. M. Stanley and G. W. Keen.
Andersons Creek — By Letter.
Hopewell — R. C. Johnson, J. T. Alford and Jerry Pope.
Dunn — J. R. Jackson.

Sixty-one members being present, the Conference is duly organized for the transaction of business.

Elder Robert Strickland is called Assistant Moderator and H. W. [illegible] is called Assistant Secretary.

The Moderator appoints Bros. Robert Strickland, J. M. W. Stanley, G. W. Keen and W. R. Stanley a Committee on Religious Exercises.

R. L. Jackson, S. T. Barefoot and N. H. Barber a Committee on Finance.

On motion a committee of one is appointed to ascertain the cause of Elder Griffis' non attendance at this Conference.

Elder J. P. Osburn is appointed said Committee.

On motion the rules of order are suspended and petitionary letters are called for.

A letter is received from Lee's Chapel, asking admission, which, by motion, was received and the names of her delegates enrolled; M. A. Wilaford, J. T. Gills and W. J. Hawley.

A letter is received from Beasley's Grove, asking admission, which by motion was received and the names of her delegates enrolled; John S. Reynor and C. H. [illegible]

On motion Bro. J. D. Avery be enrolled as a licentiate.

Reports from the churches are called for and Church letters read which were very encouraging.

New Prospect — Represented by letter.
Woods Grove — Not Represented.
Pleasant Grove Not Represented.

On motion the money that was raised to pay the expenses of the delegates to the Eastern Conference, be returned to the respective Churches.

On motion Bro. A. W. Gregory is made a member of the Conference during the session.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to morrow at the Stand at 10:30. o'clock, W. P. Glover followed by J. S. Ellis; at 2 o'clock Kenith Reynor.

On motion Conference adjourns till to-morrow morning 9:30. Prayer by Elder R. Strickland.

Second Day.

Saturday October 22nd. 18[illegible]

The Conference is duly opened at 9:30. Religious Exercises are conducted by Elder Linda Lee, who reads 8th Chapter of Romans and leads in prayer.

Roll is called and fifty-six members answer to their names.

The minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

The name of E. [illegible] [illegible], delegate from [illegible]

Western Conference is enrolled.

On motion Elder R. A. Johnson is granted leave of absence until 12 O'clock M.

Church letter is received from St. Mary's Grove.

On motion the fines of 10 cents be remitted as they were delegates from new Churches.

On motion, the order of business is suspended, and work resumed under the head of miscellaneous business.

Elder Robert Strickland who was appointed at last Conference to demand the credentials of J. D. W. Edwards. reports that he can't find him

Elder Strickland is continued as a committee to demand the credentials

Petitions for the next Conference are received from Shady Grove and Johnson's Union. Vote taken and decided that the next session be held with the church at Shady Grove, Sampson county, N.C. commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in November, 1893.

Elder Robert Strickland is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder R. A. Johnson is elected alternate.

It being 10:30 o'clock the congregation with those assigned to the stand retire for preaching

Bro. W. H. Kenedy offers his resignation as one of the Ordaining council The resignation is accepted and Elder Linda Lee was elected to fill the vacancy

On motion the Secretary have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed.

On motion we send 60 copies to the Western Conference.

On motion the Secretary is allowed $10 for his services in publishing and distributing the [illegible]

Bro. R. C. Jackson and F. W. [illegible] are elected delegates to represent this body in the Western Conference which is to meet with the church at Pleasant Grove, Wayne County, on Thursday after the third Sunday in Oct. 1893.

On motion the moderator appoints as proxy for Bro R. C. Jackson Elder Wm. F. Baldwin and for W. D. Jernigan Elder R. A. Johnson.

On motion the Conference [illegible] the delegates to the Western Conference $5 each to pay their expenses and that each church send in an amount sufficient to raise said amount.

On motion the report of the Finance Committee is received and Committee discharged. See report.

Committee on Ministerial Character report

and report adopted. See report.

Elder R. A. Johnson is appointed to wait on D. J. [illegible] and demand that his name be erased from his credentials endorsing them.

Committee on Obituaries fails to make report.

On motion Bro N. H. Lucas owing to inability is released from that Committee and J. H. Hodges is appointed to fill the vacancy, the other two Committeemen continued.

After an intermission of one hour for dinner Conference resumed business under the head of resolutions.

Resolution by Elder Robert Strickland [illegible]

Resolution by [illegible] on motion is received for discussion. Resolution lost,

Resolution by W. L. Bolin on motion received for discussion. Resolution lost,

Resolution by A. B. Jennings on motion is received for discussion. Resolution lost,

Resolution by W. T. Buchanan. Resolution rejected,

Church letter from P[illegible] Grove [illegible]

Resolution by [illegible] rejected.

On motion the Treasurer pay to the Secretary $23.33, the amount paid for [illegible] Committee.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports: To preach tomorrow at 10:30 E. T. Phillips followed by R. A. Johnson and Robt Strickland close, which report is received

and Committee discharged

On motion a vote of thanks is tendered the people of this vicinity for their kindness during the session.

On motion the reading of the minutes is [illegible] with and the Secretary [illegible] to make any corrections.

✓ [On motion a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to investigate the [illegible] of R. A. Johnson in the church at [illegible] [illegible] to Elder Robt. Johnson Elder Robt Strickland and A. B. Jennings said Committee]

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet at Shady Grove Church on Friday before the second Sunday in November A.D. 1893. at 11. o'clk A.M.

Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Johnson.

Frank Lee, Moderator.

R. C. R. Jernigan, Secretary.

Reports on Registries.

On Ministerial Conduct.

We the committee on Ministerial Conduct beg leave to report the following:

We have learned that Elder A. J. M[illegible] has asked for his release from the Conference to which he belongs and we ask this body to demand his credentials.

We know nothing derogatory to the character of any other [illegible] of our Conference.

We ask the cooperation of the church clerks of the several Churches to aid us in our work. Respectfully submitted.

D. J. Shibbard
W. H. Hodges
A. C. M. Jones
R. R. Hays
Committee.

On Finance!

We the Finance Committee submit the following report.

We find in the hands of the Treasurer Minute funds for the year 1892. — $21.88

Fines collected, old Treasurer 1891. — .45

Total — $22.33

R. C. Jackson.
D. J. C. Burrows.
H. H. Rives

Committee.

Resolution by Robert Strickland

Resolved, That the time of holding the Annual Conference be changed to Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in November in each year.

Robert Strickland.

Order of Business – 1897

1st Introductory Sermon.
2nd Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3rd Organization.
4th Enrollment of newly ordained Ministers.
5th Enrollment of Visitors.
6th Call for Petitionary Letters.
7th Appointment of Committees.
8th Hand of Fellowship to visiting Brethren.
9th Reports from Committees.
10th Reports from Churches.
11th Resolutions.
12th Miscellaneous Business.
13th Adjournment.

Statistical Table of 1892.

Churches	Counties	Pastors for '92.	For Minutes	Paid to Pastors.	Sabbath Schools	Miscellaneous Funds.	Members Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Number of Members	Increase	Decrease
Prospect	Harnett	D. A. [illegible]	$1.00	$30.00	$4.07	9.05	9	2	1		1	95		
[illegible] Chap.	Harnett	Linda LEE.	85	19.45			19		2		2	126	15	
[illegible] Grove	Harnett													
[illegible] Branch	Cumberland	Linda Lee.	1.05	20.00	11.00		28	23			2	1:00	26	
Shady Grove	Sampson	Linda LEE	2.00	32.80	6.94	72.33	38	26	4	1		306	33	
Dyers Chapel	Cumberland	W. R. Glover.	1.00	29.50			6	5	3	1		73	2	
Stony Run	Sampson	R. A. Johnson.	1.50	30.00		1.00	13	9	4	6	2	135	1	
[illegible] Hope	Johnston	R. [illegible] Strickland	2.00	15.30	20.10		9	8	1			75	8	
[illegible] Mount	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1.50	8.20	3.72	8.00	7	5	3	3	1	75		2
[illegible] Grove	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	.75			18				2		16		2
[illegible] Chapel	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	1.25	13.60	3.25		4	4			1	69	3	
[illegible] Spring	Johnston	J. S. Ellis	.50	7.50			3	3				30	3	
Mt. Pleasant	[illegible]	J. S. Ellis	1.00	6.40			1		1		1	38		2
New Prospect	Wayne													
[illegible] Grove	Wayne													
Friendship	Wayne	J. A. [illegible]	1.58											
[illegible] Chapel	Johnston	J. H. Worley	1.00	5.50	4.12		1	1			1	37		
Bethel	Johnston	R. [illegible] Strickland	1.25	6.75		10.10	9	8				61	9	
[illegible] Chapel	Harnett	W. R. Glover	75	5.00			5	5				24	3	
[illegible]	Johnston	R. C. Johnson	1.00	20.00	2.82		5	5	1	1		26	3	
[illegible]	Harnett	R. A. Johnson	1.25	12.00	5.00	1.00	8	8				61	8	
Lee Chapel	Sampson	Linda Lee	.50									45	40	
[illegible] Grove	Johnston	R. Raynor	.50									23	23	

See Constitution and Rules of Order in first of this Book.

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Transcribed by
A. N. Gregory.

This Nov. 10, 1893

Minutes of the

Thirty Ninth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference

held with Shady Grove Church
Sampson County N C November 10th & 11th 1893
Moderator Elder Lunda Lee Giles Mill N C
Treasurer B. A. Hodges Dunn "
Secretary H. M. Jernigan Dunn "

The next session will be held with Casey's Chapel Church Wayne County N C Beginning Friday before the Second Sabbath in November 18.94

Committees

on Obituaries R. C. Jackson J. A. Hodges W A Colville

on ministerial Character H. R. Hayes C. M. Core G. B. Strickland W. H. Avery A. W. Gregory

Ordained Ministers

S. B. Shaw	Glenmore	N C
Robert Strickland	"	"
J. F. Hill	Goldsboro	"
Lunda Lee	Giles Mill	"
J. E. Smith	Myatts Mill	"
J. T. Ogburn	" "	"
W. R. Glover	Little River Academy	"
Kenith Raynor	" " "	"
J. S. Ellis	Clayton	"
Wm Harris	Dunn	"
W. L. Godwin	Bass	"
R. C. Jackson	Giles Mill	
J. A. Hodges	Benson	

Licentiates

J. W. Moore S. G. Hayes J. G. Whittenton

Ordaining Council

Lunda Lee R. C. Jackson Robert Strickland

Proceedings First Day

Shady Grove Sampson County NC
November the 10 AD 1893

The Congregation assembled in the Church at 11:15. Elder Robert Strickland who was elected to preach the introductory Sermon was present and preached from Acts of the Apostles 9th Chapter and part of the 11th verse

After an intermission of 30 minutes for dinner the Congregation reassembled and was called to order by the Moderator and the names entitled to membership enrolled as follows

Officers

Lunda Lee Moderator B. A. Hodges Treasurer H. W. Jernigan Secretary

Committees

On Obituaries R. C. Jackson J. A. Hodges W. A. Colville

On Ministerial Character
J. A. Hodges C. M. Core G B Strickland and H R Hayes

Ministers

Robert Strickland J. H. Hill Lunda Lee W. R. Glover Kenith Reynor J. S. Ellis Wm Harris W. L. Godwin R. C. Jackson J. A. Hodges

Licentiates

J. W. Moore J. G. Hayes
J. G. Whittenton

Delegates

Prospect W A Colville
Hodges Chapel J. R. Strickland
Pleasant Grove A. L. Lucas
J. R. Norris W. B. Jones

Long Branch E. Lee W. M. Pope J. Lucas

Cofyers Chapel James Reynor
Shady Grove J. Wilson R. West S. Warren
Stony Run W. J. Jernigan W. A. Blackmon
Josiah Hudson
New Hope M. F. Blackmon J. B. Jernigan
W. O. Hayes
Johnston Union W. R. Parish
J. R. Harris H. F. Glover
St Mary's Grove By Letter
Johnsons Chapel W. H. Barber
R. D. Stevens J. A. Johnson
Union Spring J. D. Stephenson
W. H. Gregory A. W. Gregory
Mount Pleasant By Letter
New Prospect Not represented
Woods Grove J. J. Roberts J. L. Alphin
Caseys Chapel L. A. Casey T. Grant
New Chapel not represented

Bethel J. W. M. Stanley

J. R. Massingill
Anderson Creek not represented
Hopewell A. Munns
Dunns J. W. Taylor
Lees Chapel M. A. Willaford T. S. Godwin L. M. K. Tew
Beasleys Grove W. T. Moore
C. H. Trip

Fifty seven members being present Conference was duly organized for the transaction of buisness the Moderator calls to his assistance Elder J. F. Hill the Secretary calls as reading Clerk J. F. Jackson the names of Bros R. C. Jackson and J. A. Hodges are enrolled as newly ordained ministers the name of J. G. Whittenton is enrolled as licentiate

The Moderator appoints Bros
R. C. Jackson S. L. Jackson
and C. A. Jackson a Committee
on religious exercises on Finance
Erasmas Lee Alex Munns Alex Casey
Committee on boundaries to prohibit the
Sale of merchandise in said boundaries
J. L. A. Alphin J. A. Johnson C. N. Griffh
Committee to examin Book of records
R. West H. W. Jernigan J. F. Jackson
Committee reports to preach at the Stand
at 1.30 J. A. Hodges followed by J. S. Ellis
Hand of fellowship to visiting brethren
Bros J. J. Harper J. H. Johnson J. L. Winfield
of the Disciples Church wer ~~present~~
invited to seats with us by motion
W. R. Glovers fine is remitted and
his name enrolled the Committee
appointed by last Conference to
investegate the greevance of br W. A. =
Johnson of Prospect Church make
their report by motion report received
and Committee discharged (See reports)
Br Robert Strickland who was appointed
to demand the Credentials of J. F. W. Edwards
makes a verbal report says he has not
been able to find Edwards report
received and Committee discharged
by motion of Bro R. C. Jackson this
Conference publish J. F. W. Edwards
in the Free Will Baptist Paper
by motion the ruals of order are
Suspended and buisness resumed
under reports from Curches.
letters are read from most of the
Churches wich are very encouraging (see
Statistical table)

by motion the name of Friendship

Church be changed to that of Caseys Chapel Committee on ministerial Character report. report received and Committee Continued (see reports) Committee on religious exersize report to preach tomarrow at 10:30 W. R. Glover followed by J. H. Johnson by motion Conference adjourn untill tomarrow morning 9:30 O'clock prayer by Elder J. H. Hill Second Day Saturday November 11th 1893 Conference is called to order by the moderator at 9:30 Religious exercises are conducted by Elder J. S. Ellis Roll is called and 43 members answer minuets of yesterday read and approved by motion Bro S. B. Haines name is continued on the list of Ministers Bro J. A. Hodges offers his resignation as

Committee on Ministerial Character

which is accepted and the Moderator is impowered to fill the vacancy he appoints Bro A. W. Gregory to fill said vacancy Committee on Book of records hand in their report by motion report is received and committee discharged (see reports) A fine of 10 cents is received from absentees by motion resolution by J. H. Hill is received for discussion and adopted see resolutions, The Moderator appoints a Committee of five to carry out said resolution Committee consist of Bros Erasmus Lee H. W. Jernigan Jesse Wilson B. A. Hodges A. W. Gregory by motion resolution by J. B. Jernigan be received for Discussion resolution lost

By motion Resolution by Elder Robert
Strickland is received for discussion
Resolution lost by motion by Elder
Lunda Lee is received for discussion
and adopted, see resolution,
By motion of A. W. Jernigan this
Conference adopt the Free Will Baptist
Sabbath School literature by motion
Resolution by A. W. Gregory is received
for discussion and adopted see resolution,
The Moderator gives an intermission
of one hour for dinner at 1,15 P.M
Conference is called to order for business
by motion Resolution by A. W. Gregory
is received for discussion and adopted
(see Resolution,)
By motion the officers of the sabbath
School are nominated and elected as
follows

R. C. Jackson President

Erasmas Lee vice President
Jasper F. Jackson Secretary
E. R. Wilson assistant secretary
Ransom West Treasurer
By motion resolution by J. A. Hodges
is received for discussion and
adopted see resolutions
Committee on religious exercises
report to preach at the Stand at 2:30
Bros K. Reynor followed by J. W. Moore
by motion resolution by A. W. Gregory
is received for discussion and adopted
(see Resolution,)
by motion Resolution by Elder
Lunda Lee is received for discussion
Resolution lost

The Obituary Committee hand in

their report (See Reports)
by motion R. C. Jackson is
nominated and Elected to fill the
vacancy caused by the deat of Elder
R. A. Johnson in the ordaining Council
Elder J. P. Ogburn owing to inability
offers his resignation as one of the
Ordaining Council which is accepted
and Elder Robert Strickland is
nominated and elected to fill said
vacancy by motion the Moderator
is impowered to appoint a committie
of three to investegate the Grievances of
Bro J. W. Lucas of Hodges Chapel the
Moderator appoints on said Committie
Bros R. C. Jackson J. S. Ellis
H. W. Jernigan by motion our
Sabbath school convention meett at

Long Branch Church on Saturday

befour the first Sabbath in October
Finance Committee hand in thir
report and Committie discharged
(See reports)
by motion Bros R. C. Jackson and
Robert Strickland are elected
delegates to the Western Conference
by motion they draw on the Treasurer
for the amount of their expences
Petitions are taken up from a
number of the churches it is decided
by a vote that the next session of
Conference be held with the church
at Caseys Chapel commencing
on Friday befour the second
Sabbath in November A.D. 1894

By motion Elder Lunda. Lee
is elected to preach the introductory
and Elder R. C. Jackson is elected
his alternate by motion Elder
Lunda Lee and J. F. Hill are
elected fraturnal delegates to the
Disciples Conference by motion
R. C. Jackson is elected alternate
for Lunda Lee Robert Strickland
is elected alternate for J. F. Hill
by motion Resolution by W. H. =
Gregory is adopted see Resolutions,
by motion the secretary is instructed
to have Five Hundred Coppys of
the proceedings of this Conference
printed and distributed among
the several Churches by motion
the secretary is instructed to send
50 copies to the Western Conference

By motion the secretary be
allowed Ten Dollars for his
trouble by motion this Conference
pay Bro A. M. Gregory $24.00 for
his services recording the
minuets of the Cape Fear Conference
from 1880 up to 1892 in the
Book of Records by motion
the secretary is requested to keep
the minuets recorded in said
Book the Committee on religious
exercises report to preach tomorrow
at 10:30 Oclock Elder J. F. Hill
followed by J. J. Harper by
motion the treasurer pay over to
the Delegates to the Western Conference
Elder Lunda Lee Five Dollars

and H. W. Jernigan Three Dollars and also a deficiency from last year of Three and 85/100 Dollars total $11.85 A colection was taken up to raise deficiency of $5.20 by motion the Treasurer pay over to the secretary $27.90 by motion the preamble and Resolution of the Disciples Church are received and tabled to a time indefinite by motion Conference adjourn to meet with the Church at Caseys Chapel Wayne County on Friday before the second sabbath in November A D 1894 Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Lunda Lee

Lunda Lee Moderator
H. W. Jernigan Secretary

Reports of Committees and Resolutions

Committee on Ministerial Character

We the Committee on ministerial Character report the following we know nothing derogatory to the Character of any Minister of our Conference we ask the Cooperation of each of the local Clerks to aid us in our Work Respectfully Submitted

G. B. Strickland
C. M. Core
W. R. Hayes
J. A. Hodges
Committee

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Committee on Obituarys

Obituary of Elder Allen Fowler

Elder Fowler was a native of Harnett County State of North Carolina and was born February 4th 18.32 at the age of 18 years he professed religion at Prospect Church at the age of 23 he was ordained as Deacon and was licensed to exhort by the Church at Pleasant Grove and was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry in the Month of May 18.62 Elder Fowler was a faithful worker in the ministry and a successful instrument in the masters cause in turning many souls from natures darkness unto the glorious light and liberty of the Lord Jesus Christ Bro Fowler was loved by a large multitude of people especially his brethren in Christ who gathered together to hear him preach the manner in which he preached was so effective that he gained the confidence of the people which he held untill death Bro. Fowler leaves three sons and one daughter to mourn the loss of their devoted and Christian Father and a host of friends to sympathize with them in their bereavement Remember our blessed saviors promise he that is faithful untill death shall receive a Crown of Life

Obituary of Elder John. Moore

Elder John Moore was a native of Harnett Co North Carolina was born June 1st 1832 and no doubt owing to the manner in which his Christian father brought him up in youth and through the hearing of Gods holy word which is the power of God unto salvation to evry one that believeth he was constrained to believe and professed religion at a verry early age Bro Moore is believed to have been happily converted to the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ and verry early after he was converted he began to hold prayer meetings and was ordained to preach the gospel October 13th 1874 he served the remainder of his life in the Masters cause and to Christianize

this part of Gods moral vineyard

Bro Moore was a consistent member of his church and was ever ready to bear his proportional part in all benevolent causes he never had a charge brought against him so far as the writer has been able to learn he reserved a good name untill death Bro Moore leaves three children and a loving companion to mourn the loss of their devoted Christian father and husband and a large multitude of brethren and sisters and a host of friends Bro Moore passed away December 13th 1889 death like a thief came in the night and numbered him with the pale nations of the dead

But his manner of life was so mugh of a godly nature that we have no doubt but what he was able to say with the Apostle Paul I am now ready to be offered up the time of my departure is at hand he came home from an appointment at Woods Grove and ate a hearty supper afterwards he complained of feeling bad and tired and lay down to spend the nite in sleep and repose his family knew nothing of his being more feeble than common he was found dead in bed by his family Bro Moore requested his brethren to sing that old hymn

On Jordans Stormy banks

I stand while his grave was being filled with the earth thus ends the obituary of Elder John Moore his remains wer taken to Hodges Chapel and buried to await the resurrection morn well don thou good and faithful servant thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things enter thou into the joys of thy Lord

Obituary of Eder R. A. Johnson

Elder R. A. Johnson our beloved and deceased brother in Christ was a native of Johnston County North Carolina and was born March 18th 1846 he was married to Miss Margret Johnson September 30 th 1866 and lived from that date to 1868 when by the foolishness of preaching and by hearing of the sound of the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation unto evry one that beleveth which he professed and united with the Free Will Baptist Church November 26th 1868 and feeling divinely called to preach the gospel he was granted licens to exercise his gift in the ministry

Elder Johnson commensed to preach June 10th 1869 and from that time proved to be a greate instrument in turning many souls from natures darkness unto the glorious light and liberty of the Lord Jesus Christ by the beautiful declaration of Gods holy word Elder Johnson was beloved by a large multitude of people of at least four countyes and all over North Carolina he was a devoted lover of his Family and succeeded in providing bread for them after the manner in which God told Adam he should eat bread by the sweat of his face

yea and he was quite a
Swift accummulator and a
verry liberal giver to all
benevolent organizations ~~which~~
for good especially that of his
denomination which he so
dearley loved with joy and
thanks his surviving brethren
in Christ can behold with
mortal and tearful eyes the
beautiful Churches he was
instrumental in building for
which he has gone to be rewarded
by his Heavenly Father and to
inherit a home in the mansion
above though the bustle of persecution
seemed to do all they
could to caus him to fall out
by the way he was like unto
a house built upon a rock he
fell not though the stormes of
persecution howled around him
he was able to speak with God's holy
word he that putteth his hands
to the plow and looketh back is
not fit for the kingdom of God
and especially to one man
who thought he was overmuch
wise in scriptures and becaus
he was not a Free Will sent an
epistle of his own preparation
to him the third year he had
been preaching to try to cancel
the doctrine he somuch loved
thus he was able to go on conquering
his adversaries the remainder of

his life. through the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God and the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ Elder Johnson was a consistent member of the Church and faithful to go to his appointments and reserved a good name untill death he spent twenty Four years of his life in the ministry and proved to be successful in all his ministerial and laudible undertakings he past away in January 1893 in the 47th year of his age he leaves a wife and five children to mourn the loss of a Christian husband and father he was so much concerned about the spiritual welfare of his children that just befour the hour of his death when his strength was almost gon he called them to his dying bedside and instructed them manfully as to the duty they owed to God and especially the two youngest which wer Boys and had never made a public profession of faith in Christ he required them to get down on their Knees by his dying bed and place their hands in his and promise him that they would abstain from strong Drink and instructed them in general to quit their manner of living and live soberly righteously and Godley in this world if they would reach heaven and immortal glory Elder Johnson left bright testimony by his manner of life and in the dying hour of deat said that he was going to the glory world this ends the

Obituary of our beloved brother in Christ

Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace

Obituary of Bro Ollen B Jackson

Ollen B Jackson our beloved and deceased brother in Christ was a native of Sampson Co N C and was born in or about the spring of 1873 he first joined the Missionary Baptist but afterwards united with the F.W.B Church at Shady Grove Bro Jackson attended regularly his Church meetings and was a good ~~worker~~ Student in Sabbath School and a very ready worker in the interest of the Sunday school bro. Jackson had just arrived at the age of manhood when his body was seized with that dreadfull diseas typhoid fever he was taken sick the 13th of October 1893 and suffered most dreadfully for thirteen days when it pleased the Lord to take him out of his punishment the writer visited him on the day of his death I never saw a man in all my life more deeply engaged in earnest prayer to God I never experienced a sadder day he said he had no doubt but when the hour of death was over he would go to rest wher parting will be no more the writer preached his funeral to a large gathering he leaves three brothers and one sister to mourn the loss of their youngest brother and a good old Father and a host of sunday school mates Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted

R. C. Jackson
J. A. Hodges
W A Colvell
Committee

[Committee on Grievances
we the Committee appointed to investigate the grevance of Bro W A. Johnson of Prospect beg lieve to submit the following after Careful investigation found the Church to be in Error we therefore restored the Brother]

H. W. Jernigan
Robert Strickland
Committee

We the Committee that was appointed to examin Book of Record submit the following we have examined the Book and find the work complete

H. W. Jernigan
Ransom West
J. H. Jackson
Committee

We the finance Committee find in the hands of the Treasure $ 34.05
Collection 5.20
Total $ 39.25

Erasmus Lee
A. Munns
A. Casey Committee

Resolution

✓ Resolution by J. H. Hill resolved 1st that this Conference put one of her ministers in the field as an Itinerant resolved 2nd that a Committee of five be appointed to solicit funds and have entire Controll of the Itinerant work

Resolution by Lunda Lee

seeing the need of a better system of Sabbath school work be it therfour
Resolved 1st that this Conference organize a sbbath school convention to be held on Saturday befour the first sabbath in October of each year
2nd that this boddy elect the necessary officers to govern said convention who shall remain in office untill their successors are elected
3rd that each sabbath school are entitled to one representative whose duty it hall be to carry a report of their school
4th that a condensed report of said convention be made yearly on our minnets
5th that visiting classes be made welcom in said convention and all privilges be granted save that of voting
6th that the Free Will Baptist literature be used in our Sabbath schools

Resolution by A. W. Gregory

resolved that the church letters state to each annual conference the number of male members and the number of female members in their respective churces

Resolution by J. A. Hodges
resolved that the Ministery of this Conference make a full report to each annual Conference the amount of work done by them, the number of sermons preached and Contribution received

Resolution by A. W. Gregory
according to a resolution passed at a previous session of this Conference that an election of officers should be held at next session and in as much as the minuets of last session failed to show that such an election was held be it
Resolved that the minuets

of this session show that at last session Elder R. A. Johnson Moderator and A. W. Gregory Secretary both were present and objected to their names put in nomination for reelection whereupon Elder Lunda Lee was elected moderator and H. W. Jernigan secretory

Resolution by A. W. Gregory
resolved that all the Church Clerks from the several churches be requested to send with their Church letters at each annual Conference an amount

equal to two cents per head for each member of the respective Churches to be used as minnit funds of each year

Resolution by W. H. Gregory resolved that this Conference tender a vote of thanks to the people of Shady Grove and vicinity for hospitality shown to us during this Session

Order of Buisness 1893

1 introdutory Sermon
2 enrollment of those entitled to membership
3 Organization
4 enrollment of newly ordaned ministers
5 enrollment of licentiates
6 Call for petittionary letters
7 appointment of Committes
8 Hand of fellowship to visiting brethren
9 reports from Committees
10 reports from Churches
11 resolutions
12 miscellaneous buisiness
13 adjournment

Statisticle Table of 1893

Churches	Counties	Pastors 1893	for minutes	paid to Pastors	Sabbath Schools	missionary funds	members received	Baptised	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No of members	increase	Decrease
Prospect	Harnett	R.C. Jackson	$1 50	$23.57	558		15	11	6	1		103	8	
Hodges Chapel	Harnett	Robert Strickland	40	13.20	315		4	1		8		118		4
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	J.A. Hodges	75	3 00			8	8				118	8	
Long Branch	Cumberland	R.C. Jackson	2 00	32.00	1379		15	11	2		2	128	11	
Sandy Grove	Sampson	Lunda Lee	2 60	29.50	10.64	184.56	27	24	1	3	2	327	21	
Colyers Chapel	Cumberland	W.R. Glover	1 00	27 50						5		65		5
Stony Run	Sampson	Robert Strickland	1 50	25.00	6.00				3	1		131		4
New Hope	Johnston	R. Strickland	1 50	15.10	406	1.85	9	8	4			84	5	
Johnstons Union	Johnston	R. Strickland	1 75	14 50	10.40		11	4	4	1	1	83	7	
St M Grove	Johnston	J.S. Ellis	75	5 45		90	7	3	1	2	1	19	3	
Johnson Chapel	Johnston	R.C. Jackson	1 25	20.00		75	3	3				70	3	
Union Spring	Johnston	J.S. Ellis	50	11 85			6	4		2		33	4	
Mt Pleasant	Wake	J.S. Ellis	1 00	7.45						1	1	55		2
New Prospect	Wayne													
Woods Grove	Wayne	W.G. Jones	2 50	26.83	542	700	29	22		1	1	1.00	27	
Caseys Chapel	Wayne	J.H. Hill	2.50	4.57	500	1500	61	50	1	1		8.0	59	
New Chapel	Johnston													
Bethel	Johnston	R. Strickland	1 25	10 60		80	32	29	2	2		88	28	
Anderson Creek	Harnett													
Hopewell	Johnston	J.H. Worley	1 00	25.00			13	12				39	13	
Dunn	Harnett	J.H. Worley	1 00		~~648~~		2	2			1	69	1	
Lees Chapel	Sampson	Lunda Lee	1 00		648	300.00	25	11				67	25	
Beasleys Grove	Johnston	Kenith Raynor	50	4 20								20		4

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Church was in error

R. C. Jackson

H. M. Jennings

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Appointed to investigate the
April 22/93 verbal or written citation
4 Saturday in June Ditto June 24/93
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the brethren [illegible] till they saw fit
to attend to the church

Minutes
-of the-
Fortieth Annual Session
-of the-
Cape Fear
Free-Will Baptist Conference,
-Held With-
Casey's Chapel Church, Wayne Co., N.C.
November 9th and 10th, 1894.

Lunda Lee, Moderator, - Giles Mill, N.C.
B. A. Hodges, Treasurer, - Dunn, N.C.
J. F. Jackson, Secretary. - Timothy, N.C.

The next session will be held with Johnston Union, Johnston Co. on Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1895, at 12 M.

Johnston Union is about 3½ miles from Wilson Mills Johnston Co. N.C.

Officers.

Moderator - Lunda Lee.
Treasurer - B. A. Hodges.
Secretary - J. F. Jackson.

Committees.

On Obituaries – R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, W. A. Colville.
On Ministerial Character – R. H. Hayes, C. M. Core, G. B. Strickland, W. H. Avery, A. W. Gregory.

Ordained Ministers.

S. B. Thain	Glenmore,	N. C.
Robt. Strickland.	Glenmore.	"
J. F. Hill.	Goldsboro.	"
Lunda Lee.	Giles' Mill	"
Kenith Reynor.	Little River Academy.	"
J. S. Ellis	Clayton.	"
R. C. Jackson.	Hawley's Store.	"
J. A. Hodges.	Benson.	"
J. E. Smith.	Myatt's Mills.	"
W. R. Glover.	Little River Academy.	"
W. L. Godwin	Bass	"
W. B. Hare	Manchester.	N. C.
J. W. Moore	Four Oaks.	"

Licentiates.

T. G. Hayes, J. G. Whittonton

Ordaining Council.

Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, Robert Strickland

Proceedings of the Cape Fear Conference.

First Day

Casey's Chapel. Wayne Co. N. C.
November 9th, 1894.

The congregation assembled in the church at 11 O'clock, A. M. Eld. Lunda Lee, who was elected to preach the

Introductory sermon, was present and preached from First Corinthians 1st Chapter and 10th verse: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same things, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement."

After an intermission of thirty minutes for dinner, the congregation reassembled and was called to order by the Moderator.

The Secretary being absent, the Moderator appointed brother J. F. Jackson, Sec. pro tem and the entitled to membership enrolled as follows:

Officers.

Elder Lunda Lee, Moderator; B. A. Hodges, Treasurer; J. F. Jackson, Secreatary.

Committees.

On Obituaries — R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges

On Ministerial Character — W. H. Avery, A. W. Gregory and G. W. B. Strickland.

Ministers.

S. B. Thain, Robert Strickland, J. F. Hill, Lunda Lee, J. E. Smith, W. R. Glover, Kenith Reynor, J. S. Ellis, W. L. Godwin, R. C. Jackson and J. A. Hodges.

Licentiates.

J. W. Moore and J. [illegible] Whittonton.

Delegates.

Prospect — R. M. Parker, Lonnie Sorrel.
Hodges Chapel — D. T. Barefoot.
Pleasant Grove — Not Represented.
Long Branch — N. By Letter.
Colyer's Chapel — By Letter.
Shady Grove — E. R. Wilson, J. R. Baggett.
Stoney Run — J. H. Jernigan, B. H. Jernigan, W. T. Barefoot.
New Hope — W. B. Strickland, J. T. Allen.
Johnston Union — W. R. Parrish, J. R. Norris, J. M. Langdon.

St. Mary's Grove - B. C. Harper, J. R. Benson.

Johnston's Chapel - Lemuel Hardee, R. C. Langdon, L. M. Capps.
Union Springs - By Letter.
Mt. Pleasant - L. A. Jones.
Wood's Grove - J. J. Roberts, J. C. Smith, J. L. Aulphin.
Casey's Chapel - Ransom Garris, Edward Long, Richard Anderson.
New Chapel - Not Represented.
Bethel - J. W. Stanley.
Anderson's Creek - W. B. Hare.
Hopewell - A. Munns, D. C. Johnson.
Dunn - By Letter.
Lee's Chapel - C. A. Jackson.
Beasley's Grove - By Letter.
Lee's Grove - J. G. Whittonton, E. M. Tart, A. R. Lee.
Western Conference - Elders J. H. Sasser, C. R. Pearce.

A quarum being found present, Conference was duly organized for the transaction of business.

A letter is read from Bro. H. W. Jernigan, tendering his resignation as Secretary of this body, whereupon Bro.

J. F. Jackson was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy.

The Treasurer being absent, the Moderator appoints Bro. A. Munns, Treasurer protem.

The Moderator calls to his assistance Elder R. C. Jackson.

The Secretary calls to his assistance Bro A. W. Gregory.

By motion, the names of W. B. Hare and C. H. Tripp are enrolled as Licentiates.

The Moderator appoints Bros. Ransom Garris, Edward Long and J. F. Hill a committee on Religious Exercises; on Finance, J. C. Smith, G. B. Strickland and J. R. Baggett; Committee on Boundaries, J. L. Aulphin, Richard Anderson and W. T. Barefoot.

The committee on Religious Exercises report to to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock A.M. Eld. J. H. Sasser, followed by Eld. Kenith Reynor.

By motion, Lee's Grove church is received and enrolled as a member of this Conference.

By motion, the report of the committee on ministerial character is received and committee continued. (See report.)
By motion, the rules of order are suspended and the letters from most of the churches read.
By motion, by Eld. J. F. Hill, the name of New Prospect be stricken from our list.
By motion, the reports are received from the ministers. (See reports)
By motion, the report of the Sabbath School Convention is received. (See reports)
By motion, Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:30 o'clock; closing exercises conducted by Elder Kenith Reynor.

(Night Session)

Night Session

The Ordaining Council met at Bro. Alex. Casey's and examined Bros. J. W. Moore and W. B. Hare on the principal doctrines of the Free-Will Baptist faith, and found them to be orthodox in the faith, whereupon the council proceeded to ordain them according to the usual custom of laying on hands, prayer and sermon.
Elder Lee preached from St. Mark 16: 15, 16. "Go ye into all the world, and preached the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Lunda Lee,
R. C. Jackson,
Robert Strickland,
} Ordaining Council

Second Day

Saturday, Nov. 10th, 1894.

Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9:30.
Religious exercises are conducted by Elder C. R. Pearce.
Roll is called, and 45 members answer.
Minutes of yesterday read and approved.
By motion, Rev. B. E. Perkins of the Society of Friends be invited to a seat in this body.
By motion, the balance of reports from ministers and churches are read.
By motion, resolution by Bro. R. M. Parker, is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions)

By motion, resolution by Elder J. F. Hill, is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions).

By motion, resolution by Bro. R. M. Parker, is received for discussion. (Resolution tabled).

By motion, resolution by Bro. A. W. Gregory is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions).

By motion, Elder J. H. Worley of the Western Conference, and W. C. Vause of the Eastern Conference, are invited to a seat in this body.

By motion, resolution by Bro. A. W. Gregory, is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions).

By motion, resolution by Elder Robert Strickland, is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions).

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at the stand at 2 O'clock, Elder J. S. Ellis, followed by Elder W. C. Vause; to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M. Elders R. C. Jackson, and J. H. Worley, Elder Lee close.

Petitions are received from New Hope and Johnston's Union. It is decided by a vote that the next session of this Conference be held with the church at Johnston's Union, Johnston county, commencing on Thursday before the first Sabbath in November, 1895, at 12 O'clock.

Petitions are received from Stoney Run and Hodges Chapel. It is decided by vote, that the next session of the Sunday School Convention be held with the church at Hodges Chapel, Harnett county, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1895.

By motion, Conference adjourns one hour for dinner. Conference reassembles in the house at 1:30 and resumes business under the head of miscellaneous.

The names of Elders R. C. Jackson, and J. F. Hill are put in nomination to preach the introductory sermon at the next annual session of this body. Elder Jackson is elected and Elder Hill his alternate.

J.L. By motion, the Moderator appoints a committee to investigate the trouble existing between the church at Johnston's Union and Bros. S. A. and Lodric Corbett.]

The Moderator appoints on this committee, Eld. J. A. Hodges, Bros. A. Munds and W. B. Strickland.

By motion, the Moderator pays over to the Treasurer the balance of $2.83 from last year, sent by Bro. H. W. Jernigan.

By motion, the names of W. B. Hare and J. H. Moore be entered on the list of ordained ministers.

By motion, the report of the Finance committee is received and committee discharged. (See reports).

By motion, the Treasurer pays over $11.00 to Bro. A. W. Gregory in part payment of the debt of $24.00.

By motion, this Conference have 500 copies of its proceedings printed, and send 50 copies to the Western Conference and 50 copies to the Eastern Conference.

By motion this Conference pays the Secretary $10.00 for preparing the manuscript and recording same for Book of Records.

By motion, the Treasurer pays the Secretary $18.01 to defray the expenses of printing the minutes.

By motion, the Treasurer pays Eld. R. C. Jackson $1.75 his expenses to the Western Conference.

By motion, this body send a delegate to the next Western Conference. Elder J. A. Hodges is elected a delegate to the same.

By motion, this Conference send a delegate to the Eastern Conference. Bro. A. W. Gregory is elected a delegate to the same. Eld. Robt. Strickland is elected alternate for Bro. Gregory and Eld. R. C. Jackson for Eld. Hodges.

By motion, this Conference tenders a vote of thanks to this community for its kind hospitality shown them during this session of this Conference.

By motion, Conference adjourns to meet with the church at Johnston's Union, Johnston county on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1895, at 12 o'clock.

Closing remarks and prayer by Eld. Lee.

Lunda Lee, Moderator.

J. T. Jackson, Secretary.

Reports of Committees, and Resolutions.

On Ministerial Character.

We the committee on ministerial charater report the following
We know nothing derogatory to the Christian character of any minister of this Conference.
We ask the aid of each clerk of the local churches to aid us in our work.

Respectfully submitted

G. B. Strickland
A. W. Gregory } Committee.
W. H. Avery

We the Finance committee find in the hands of

the Treasurer	$28 01
Collected for Bro A. W. Gregory	11 00
" " Eld. R. C. Jackson	1 75
Total	$40 76

Respectfully submitted

G. B. Strickland
J. C. Smith } Committee.
J. R. Baggett.

Resolution By R. M. Barker 1894.

Resolved. That in order to encourage our young ministers and members to prepare themselves to fill the responsible positions of this Conference, that the election of the officers of this body take place every two years by ballot.

Resolution By J. F. Hill. 1894.

Resolved, That this Conference meet on Thursday before the first Sunday in November of each year, at 12 O'clock, M.

Resolution By A. W. Gregory 1894.

Resolved. That the resolution in regard to fining ministers $5.00, be, and the same is, hereby repealed.

Resolution By Gregory 1894.

Resolved; That all unrepealed resolutions passed by former Conferences be printed and retained upon the minutes of each succeeding Conference, and be in force until they shall be repealed.

Resolution By Robert Strickland. 1894.

Resolved, 1st. That this Conference assess every male member in the Cape Fear Conference 10 cents, for the purpose of establishing a College to send our preachers.
Resolved 2nd. That this Conference petition the Western and Eastern Conferences to adopt the same rule, and that the College shall be for the use of the three said Conferences.

Texts Preached from During Conference.

Kenith Reynor.

St. John, 5: 6. "Wilt thou be made whole?"

J. H. Sasser.

Romans 8: 9. "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

J. S. Ellis.

St. Luke 2: 10. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

W. C. Vause.

Psalms 107: 7. "And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation."

R. C. Jackson.

St. John 15: 4. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

J. H. Horley

Genesis 3: 18. "And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren.

Order of Business-1894.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3d. Organization.
4th. Enrollment of newly ordained ministers.
5th. Enrollment of Licentiates.
6th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7th. Appointment of Committees.
8th. Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
9th. Reports from Committees.
10th. Reports from Churches.
11th. Resolutions.
12th. Miscellaneous Business.
13th. Adjournment.

Pastor's Reports.

Ministers.	Churches Served.	Members Received.	Sermons Preached.	Funerals.	S. S. Lectures.	Married	No. of Days in Revivals	Amount Received.
Lunda Lee - - -	3	32	86	4	3	4		$\$50^{00}$
J. A. Hodges - - -	4	27	48	4	3		43	28.48
J. F. Hill - - - - -		1	25		5			12.50
R. C. Jackson - - -	5	41	141	11	2	9	45	115.18
J. S. Ellis. - - -	4	22	80					43.75
Robert Strickland.	1	54	63					12^{00}
W. R. Glover - -			54					3^{00}
Kenith Reynor. - - -			50	1		2		6^{00}
J. G. Whittenton.			21					

Sabbath School Report.

Name of School	Name of Superintendent	Delegate	Members on Roll	No. of members belonging to church	No. joining church from S.S.	Increase	Decrease	Average Attendance	Paid for Literature	Miscellaneous
hnston's Union	S. C. Turnage	J. M. Langdon	70				10	33	$4.25	
eis Chapel	C. A. Jackson	T. S. Godwin	50		4		25	30	.30	$1.50
dges Chapel	W. R. Strickland	D. T. Barefoot	43		25			27	.83	
ng Branch	W. M. Pope	W. N. Dixon	80	48	4			50	.35	
eis Grove	Jno. G. Whittenton	Julius Lee	63	20			13	40	.56	
ew Hope	W. B. Strickland	By Letter	57					17	212	
hady Grove	J. R. Baggett	A. H. Godwin	117	56		30		42	4.08	.70
asey's Chapel	I. Grant	By Letter	70	25			5	40	5.00	1.50

Statistical Table

Churches	Counties	Pastors 94.	For Minutes	Paid to Pastors	Sabbath School cts	Miscellaneous	Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. of Members	Increase	Decrease
rospect	Harnett	R. C. Jackson	$1.50	$22.68			7	7				110		
odges Chapel	" "	R. Strickland	.95	11.50	$1.63		57	34		4	4	168	50	
leasant Grove	" "													
ong Branch	Cumberland	R. C. Jackson	1.50	27.00		.75	11	8	2			138	9	
hady Grove	Sampson	Linda Lee	1.71	36.07	4.78				7	1	5	313		14
ar's Chapel	Cumberland	R. C. Jackson	1.00	31.50			13	13		1	3	74	9	4
toney Run	Sampson	Linda Lee	1.50	18.50			14	11			2	143	12	
w Hope	Johnston	J. A. Hodges	1.60	14.15	1.75	64.00	1	1	1	1		80		1
hnston's Union	" "	J. S. Ellis	1.68	15.10	4.75	2.60	8	5	4			84	4	
Mary's Grove	" "	" "	.75	13.30		.90	17	1	2	1		32	18	5
hnston's Chapel	" "	R. C. Jackson	1.18	30.00			8	3		9		59		1
nion Springs	" "	J. S. Ellis	.66	9.50			1				1	33		
t. Pleasant	Wake	J. A. Hodges	.50	7.90		3.00	7			1	2	56		
ods Grove	Wayne	C. R. Pearce	1.84	31.25	5.45	15.15			4			92		5
asey's Chapel	" "	J. F. Hill	1.50	12.50	5.00	1.50	1		3	1		73		3
w Chapel	Johnston													
Bethel	" "	J. S. Ellis	1.35	5.65	1.20	.80			4	1	1	80		6
derson's Creek	Harnett	W. R. Glover	1.50				3	3				29	3	
pewell	Johnston	J. H. Horley	1.00	25.00			4	3	4			39		
Dunn	Harnett	R. C. Jackson	.50	5.45			3	2		2	1	64	1	
eis Chapel	Sampson	Linda Lee	1.50	4.00			18	5	9	1	1	76	7	
Beasley's Grove	Johnston	K. Reynor	.90	6.40		1.50	20	20		1		44	11	
's Grove	Harnett		.46				23					23		

Minutes.
Of the
Forty-First Annual Session
Of the
Cape Fear
Free-Will Baptist Conference,
Held With
Johnston Union Church, Johnston Co., N.C.,
November 1st. and 2nd. 1895.

H. W. Jernigan, Moderator, Dunn N.C.
Alex Muns. Treasurer. Smithfield "
J. F. Jackson, Seretary, Timothy "

The next session will be held with New Hope Church, Johnston county, on Thursday before the 1st. Sunday in November, 1896. at 12. M.
New Hope is 7 miles south-east of Four-Oaks, Johnston County N.C.

Officers

Moderator- H. W. Jernigan.
Treasurer- Alex. Muns.
Secretary.- J. F. Jackson.

Committees.

On Obituaries- R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, W. A. Colville.
On Ministerial Character- H. R. Hayes, C. M. Core, G. B. Strickland, W. H. Avery, A. W. Gregory.
On Ministerial Labor- H. W. Jernigan, Chairman, Dunn N.C.; G. B. Strickland, Secretary, Glenmore, N.C.; I. W. Taylor, W. A. Colvil
W. P. Colier and Alex. Muns.

Ordained Ministers.

S. B. Thain.	Glenmore,	N.C.
Robert Strickland,	" "	"
J. F. Hill,	Goldsboro	"
Lunda Lee,	Giles Mill.	"
Kenith Reynor.	Little River Academy.	"

J. S. Ellis	Clayton, N.C.
R. C. Jackson,	Hawley's Store "
J. A. Hodges.	Benson, "
J. E. Smith.	Myatts Mills "
W. R. Glover,	Little River Academy "
W. L. Godwin	Bass. "
W. B. Hare.	Manchester "
J. W. Moore.	Four Oaks "
C. H. Tripp.	Benson. "
Wm. Byrd.	Little River Academy "

Licentiates.

T. G. Hayes. Daniel Faircloth, J. D. Avery, J. G. Whittenton, and Martin Byrd.

Ordaining Council.

Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson and Robt. Strickland.

Proceedings

of the Cape Fear Conference.

First Day.

November 1st. 1895.

Johnston Union, Johnston Co., N.C.

The congregation assembled in the church at 11 o'clock, A.M. Eld. R. C. Jackson, who was elected to preach the Introductory sermon, was present and preached from Matt. 28: 19-20. "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." After the Introductory, the Moderator called Conference to order, and those entitled to membership enrolled.

Officers

Eld. Lunda Lee. Mod., J. F. Jackson, Sec'y,

Committees

On Obituaries- R.C. Jackson, J.A. Hodges, and W.A. Colville.
On Ministerial Character- G.B. Strickland, W.H. Avery and A.W. Gregory.

Ministers.

J.F. Hill, Lunda Lee, J.S. Ellis. R.C. Jackson, J.A. Hodges, W.R. Glover, J.W. Moore, Wm. Byrd, Kenith Reynor, and W.B. Hare.

Licentiates.

T.G. Hayes, Daniel Faircloth, J.D. Avery and J.G. Whittenton,

Ordaining Council,

Lunda Lee, R.C. Jackson, Robert Strickland.

Delegates.

Prospect- R.M. Parker, C.L. Avery, W.R. Sorrel. and J.D. Avery,
Hodges' Chapel- D.T. Barefoot,
Pleasant Grove- J.K. Norris, Daniel Faircloth.
Long Branch- W.M. Pope, Erasmus Lee.
Colier's Chapel- W.P. Colier, N.B. Norris.
Shady Grove- S.F. Jackson, J.J. Dudley, Henry Godwin,
Stoney Run- E.B. Jernigan, H.W. Jernigan, E.B. Barefoot,
New Hope- C.B. Strickland, P.L. Hayes. T.B. Allen,
Johnston Union- S.C. Turnage, E. Moore, J.F. Davis.
St. Mary's Grove- J.W. Pollard, Robert Ellis,

Johnston's Chapel- R.C. Langdon, Jackson Barber, W.H. Barber,
Union Springs- S.H. Davis, J.N. Gregory. A.W. Denning.
Mt. Pleasant- J.A. Blalock,
Wood's Grove- J.L. Alphin, Henry Hill. Elijah Vinson,
Casey's Chapel- Ransom Harris, Sister Minnie Casey,
New Chapel- W.H. Pool. Z. H. Wood,
Bethel- R.D. Thomas. G.H. Temple,
Anderson's Creek- Edmund Hare,
Hopewell- D.C. Johnson, J.W. Alford, D.A. Johnson,
Dunn- I.W. Taylor, G.W. Wade,
Lee's Chapel- S.W. Williford.
Beasley's Grove- J.W. McLamb.
Lee's Grove- By Letter.
Ebenezer- Nathan Hare.
Western Conference- B.W. Tippet, J.H. Worley, P.T. Lucas.

A quorum being found present, Conference proceeded to elect the necessary officers. Elders Lunda Lee, J.F. Hill and Bro. H.W.

Jernigan were put in nomination for Moderator. Eld J.S. Ellis and Bro. J.L. Alphin were appointed tellers. Votes were counted which resulted in the election of Bro. Jernigan as Moderator.

Bros. W. P. Colier and Alex. Muns were nominated for Treasurer. On vote Bro. Muns was elected.

Bros. J. F. Jackson, G. B. Strickland and A. W. Gregory were nominated for Secretary. On vote Bro. Jackson was elected.

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson we adjourned forty five minutes for dinner. After dinner the congregation reassembles in the church and was called to order by the Moderator.

The Moderator calls to his assistance Eld. J. A. Hodges. The Secretary calls to his assistance Bro. G. B. Strickland.

The Ordaining Council reports that it has endorsed the former credentials of Eld. Wm. Byrd and recommend that his name be enrolled as one of the ordained ministers.

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory Elders S. B. Thain and J. E. Smith be continued on the roll of ordained ministers and Eld. C. H. Tripp be enrolled as a newly ordained minister.

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, the church of Ebenezer Harnell County, be received as a member of this body.

Moderator appoints the following Committees.

On Religious Exercises — Eld. J. S. Ellis and Bros. S. C. Turnage and R. M. Parker.

On Finance — Elijah Vinson, I. W. Taylor and W. A. Colville.

On Boundaries — W. H. Avery, Henry Godwin and D. C. Johnson.

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, the rules of order be suspended, and work under the head of resolutions.

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, resolution by Eld. J. F. Hill, be received for discussion. Resolution adopted. (See Resolution)

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, Eld. T. F. Harrison of the Eastern Conference, be invited to a seat in this body.

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at the stand this evening at 2:30, Eld W. R. Glover open, Eld. W. B. preach. To morrow morning at 10 o'clock Eld. Kenith Reynor open and Eld. T. F. Harrison preach.

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, resolution by Bro. R. M. Parke is received for discussion. [Resolution withdrawn]

On motion by Bro. J. F. Jackson, resolution by Bro. J. F. Jackson is received for received for discussion. (Resolution lost)

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson, Conference pass out from the head of resolutions and hear the reports from the Churches.

On motion, resolution by Bro. R. M. Parker is received for discussion, and adopted. (See resolution)

On motion by Eld. Robt. Strickland, Conference adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closing exercises conducted by Eld. Strickland.

Second Day.

Saturday Nov. 2nd. 1895.

According to adjournment, Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9 O'clock A. M. Religious exercises are conducted by Eld. Lunda Lee.

Roll is called and 54 members answer.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Reports from ministers are read.

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, the report of the Committee, appointed to wait on Bros. L. A. and Lodric Corbett, be received and Committee discharged. (See Report)

On motion by Bro. J. D. Avery, report of committee on Ministerial Character be received. (See report)

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, report of Committee on Obituaries be received. (See report).

On motion by Bro. R. M. Parker, resolution by Bro. I. W. Taylor is received for discussion. Vote was then taken and resolution passed by a vote of 42 to 19. The Moderator appoints on this Committee Bros. I. W. Taylor, W. A. Colville, H. B. Strickland, W. P. Colier and Alex. Muns.

On motion Bro. H. W. Jernigan is added to the same Committee.

Committee on Religious exercises reports to preach in the church at 1:30 P.M. Eld. B. W. Tippett followed by Eld. J. F. Hill; To-morrow at the stand at 10:30 A. M. Eld. J. H. Worley followed by Eld. W. R. Glover, Eld. Robt. Strickland close.

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, resolution offered by himself in 1894 concerning unrepealed resolutions, be and the same is hereby repealed.

On motion, resolution by Bro. A. W. Gregory is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolutions)

The Moderator appoints on this committee, Elders R. C. Jackson, Lunda Lee, and Wm. Byrd,

On motion, resolution by Eld. Wm. Byrd is received for discussion and adopted. (See Resolutions)

On motion by Eld. Wm. Byrd, resolution by Bro. G. B. Strickland is received for discussion. (Resolution tabled)

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson, resolution by Eld. P. T. Lucas is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolution)

On motion, Eld. R. C. Jackson is elected a delegate to the Broad River Association.

On motion by Bro. J. L. Alphin each church pay the amount of one cent, per, capita, for each member of the respective churches to defray the expenses of the delegate to the Broad River Association

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, the Sunday school report is adopted. (See report)

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, the resignation of Bro. J. F. Jackson, as secretary of the Sunday School Convention is received.

On motion, Bro. G. B. Strickland is elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. Jackson.

On motion, by Eld. J. A. Hodges, the next Sunday School Convention meets with the church at Stoney Run, on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1896.

On motion, resolution by Eld. R. C. Jackson is received for discussion and adopted by a vote of 25 to 14. (See resolution)

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson the Moderator appoints a committee of one from the several churches to collect mission funds. The Moderator appoints each church clerk a comittee, giving the power to select one lady from his church to assist him.

On motion, the reports from the different committees are received; committees discharged. (See reports).

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson, this body have 600 copies of its proceedings printed and distribute them as follows: 25 copies to the S. C. Conference; 25 copies to the Western Conference; 50 copies to the Eastern Conference; and 25 Copies to the Broad River Association; and distribute the remainder to the churches of the Cape Fear Conference.

On motion by Eld. J. A. Hodges, Bro. Jackson be allowed $10 for preparing the manuscript and recording same on books of records.

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson, the Secretary draw on the Treasurer the amount charged for printing the minutes and distributing them and that the Treasurer pay the balance to Bro. A. W. Gregory,

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson, the Moderator appoints two members from this body as delegates to the Western Conference,

The Moderator appoints Elders J. S. Ellis, and Wm. Byrd delegates to the Western Conference,

On motion by Eld. Wm. Byrd. Eld. R. C. Jackson is elected a delegate to the Eastern Conference,

On motion by Eld. J. A. Hodges, the next session of this body be held with the Church at New Hope, Johnston County,

Eld. Wm. Byrd is elected to preach the Introductory, and Eld. J. A. Hodges his alternate,

On motion, this Conference tenders a vote of thanks to this community for its kind hospitality shown it during this session of this body.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet with the church at New Hope, Johnston County. N.C. on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in Nov. 1896. at 12 M.

H. W. Jernigan, Moderator

Jasper F. Jackson, Secretary.

Reports of Committees and Resolutions.

On Ministerial Character— We the committee on ministerial character, after thorough investigation, submit the following: We find nothing at present derogatory to the christian character of any minister of this Conference, We ask the aid of all the church clerks of each local church to assist us in our work

A. W. Gregory,
G. B. Strickland,
W. H. Avery,
Committee

Report of S. S. Convention,

The Sunday School Convention met at Hodges Chapel church Harnett county, on Saturday the 5th, day of October, 1895. President R. C. Jackson was present and called the meeting to order at 11 o'clo A.M. Five classes being present, the President appointed the Superintendents of the five classes a committee on pro

gramme; Bros. G. W. Whittenton, W. R. Strickland, B. A. Hodges, and Calvin Stewart, a committee on Boundaries.
The reports from the different Schools show that they are in good condition. Speeches were made by Elders R. C. Jackson, Wm. Byrd and T. F. Harrison.
We ask the pastors of the different churches to insist upon the Superintendents of the Schools at the churches which they have in charge, to make a report of their schools to the Convention. The statistical table in the minutes of 1894 will furnish a guide.

R. C. Jackson, President.

J. F. Jackson, Secretary.

On Obituaries - We the Committee on obituaries respectfully submit the following report. "We have not been able to get the dates of our deceased brother preachers that would make us able to prepare the obituaries. We earnestly ask any one of this body or any one of the Secretaries of the several churches, to give us this assistance.

Respectfully
R. C. Jackson,
J. A. Hodges,
W. A. Colville.
Committee.

On Finance - We the committee on finance report the following:

We find in the hands of the Treasurer	$29 72.
Balance from last year,	" 2 45.
Fines,	" 1 40.
W. B. Hare, (vouched) last year,	" 1 00.
Total,	$34 57.

I. W. Taylor,
E. Vinson,
W. A. Colville.
Committee.

We, the committee appointed to investigate the trouble existing between the church at Johnston Union and Bros. L. A. and Loderic Corbett, submit the following report: Having investigated the trouble, found the church in error, and restored the brethren.]

Eld. J. A. Hodges.
Alex. Muns.
W. B. Strickland.
Committee

On Ministerial Labor - We the committee on minister labor report the following; organization and distribution of labor, Bro. H.W. Jernigan, chairman, and Bro. G.B. Strickland, Secretary.

Anderson's Creek - Wm. Byrd; Hodges Chapel - J.S. Ellis; Union Springs - J.S. Ellis; Pleasant Grove - R.C. Jackson; Shady Grove - R.C. Jackson; Dunn - R.C. Jackson; Long Branch W.R. Glover; Stoney Run - W.R. Glover; Ebenezer - W.B. Hare; Colier's Chapel - J.A. Hodges; New Hope - Robert Strickland; Johnston Union - Robert Strickland; St. Mary's Grove - J.E. Smith; New Chapel - J.E. Smith; Johnston's Chapel - Lunda Lee; Wood's Grove - C.R. Pearce; Casey Chapel - J.F. Hill; Hopewell - J.H. Worley half and C.H. Tripp half; Lee's Chapel - W.L. Godwin; Beasley Grove - Kenith Reynor; Bethel - J.W. Moore;

Resolution by [illegible] J.F. Hill 1895

Resolved, That paragraph 2, Sec. 6, of church government on page 36 be, and is hereby repealed.

Resolution by R.M. Parker, 1895.

Resolved, That the secretaries of the several churches state in their letters to the Annual Conference, the number of sermons preached at their respective churches and by whom preached;

Resolution by A.W. Gregory, 1895.

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint a committee of 3 to examine the Books of records and ascertain the most important resolutions needed to work under and instruct the Secretary which resolutions are of such importance as to be printed annually in the minutes.

Resolution by P.T. Lucas. 1895.

Having learned of the Broad River Association in the western part of this state, be it, therefore, Resolved, That this body send one of her members to represent this Conference in that body.

Resolution by R.C. Jackson 1895.

Having long seen the great necessity of home mission work, be it, therefore, Resolved, That this Conference put Eld. Lunda Lee in the field as a missionary worker, beginning the 1st of July 1896 and continuing until the Annual Conference

Resolved 2d. That this body allow Eld. Lee $2.00 per day for his labors.

Resolved 3rd. That the Committee on Ministerial Labor assign said Missionary his work to the better interest of the Conference.

Resolution by Wm. Byrd 1895.

Whereas the members of the Cape Fear Conference have long seen and felt the great necessity of educated ministry and whereas there has not as yet, been any successful effort made in that direction, now, therefore be it Resolved: That the ordaining Presbytery of the Cape Fear Conference select from the various Theological works of the Country such Theological works as they may find to be altogether in keeping with the doctines of the our church, and recommend the same to the Licentiate ministers of our church.

Resolved further, That each applicant for ordination shall be required to reach such a point in his theological studies as they may deem propper, before they shall consider him a fit subject for ordination.

Resolution by I. W. Taylor. 1895.

[Whereas the present system of churches in regard to the work of the ministry is inefficient, therefore be it Resolved 1st. That this Conference appoint a committee of 5 of its members to assign the work of the ministry to the Churches composing this Conference.

Resolved 2d. That the clerk of each church in the Conference are requested to correspond with the Chairman of said Committee immediatly after the 2d appointment of the pastor assigned to that church and inform him whether or not they are having preaching.

Resolved 3rd. That said committee shall have power to investigate any rumor or general report against any minister and remove him or them from any work assigned them, and report same to the next annual Conference for final action and fill said vacancies.

Resolved 4th. That all laws and clauses of laws held by this Conference conflicting with this act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Resolved 5th. That these resolutions shall be in force from and after their ratification. This Nov. 2d. 1895.]

Order of Business — 1895.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3rd Organization.
4th Enrollment of Newly Ordained ministers.
5th Enrollment of Licentiates.
6th Call for Petitionary Letters.
7th. Appointment of Committees.
8th Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
9th Reports from Committees.
10th Reports from Churches.
11th Resolutions.
12th Miscellaneous Business.
13th. Adjournment.

Pastor's Reports

Ministers	Churches Served.	Members Received.	Sermons Preached.	Funerals.	S.S. Lectures.	Married	Days in Revivals.	Amt. Received.
Wm. Byrd.			28					$ 2.65.
C. H. Tripp.			30			1		$27.00.
C. R. Pearce.		47	104	11				
W. R. Glover.			32	2	3	4		$ 4.00
J. S. Ellis.	3	8	84	4	1	1	10	$22.32.
K. Reynor.								$ 5.25.
W. B. Hare.	2	16	88	3		5	14	$37.49.
J. A. Hodges.	4	25	74	1	2	3	45	$15.30.
Lunda Lee.	4	25	108				24	$59.75.
J. W. Moore.	1		65	2			14	$ 1.00.
R. C. Jackson.	5	29	168	6	2	3	42	$99.00.
Robt. Strickland.	2	24	90	5		1	18	$ 24.20.
J. F. Hill.	1	[illegible]	36	5		4	30	$ 10.25.

Statistical Table 1895.

Churches.	Counties	Pastor '95	For Minutes.	Paid to Pastor.	Sabbath Schools	Miscellaneous Funds.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died	No. Members.	Increase.	Decrease.	No. Males.	No. Females.
Prospect	Harnett	R.C. Jackson	$1.50	$26.45	$1.66	$24.33	16	7	1		1	122	16		45	77
Hodges Chapel	" "	R. Strickland	1.19	17.85	10.76		9	8	1	1	2	181	13			
Pleasant Grove.	" "	R.C. Jackson	1.20			75	4	3	6		3	78				
nderson's Creek.	" "	W. B. Hare.	75	15.09			7	4				36	7		14	22
Dunn	" "	R.C. Jackson	1.16	15.00						2		59				
Lee's Grove	" "	J.A. Hodges.	80	5.25	66		17	15			2	38	15		18	28
benezer	" "	W. B. Hare.	75	10.00								20				
ong Branch	Cumberland	Lunda Lee	1.50	21.73			7	7		8	1	119		2		
Olive's Chapel	" "	R.C. Jackson	1.13	27.00	4.00		5	4		1	2	67	2			
Shady Grove	Sampson	Lunda Lee	1.81	20.00	7.38	11.45	32	25	2	8	3	333	19		123	210
Stony Run	" "	" "	1.50	25.00	19.50		8	6	1	26	1	116		20	50	66
Lee's Chapel	" "	" "	1.00				6	3	6		2	62				
ew Hope	Johnston	J.A. Hodges	1.54	15.00	2.74	3.15	5	3	3	1	2	77		1		
ohnston Union	" "	J.S. Ellis	1.48	7.65	1.25	21.30	4	3	5	4		75		5	22	53
St. Mary's Grove	" "	" "	52			90	4	4	5	1	1	31		3		
Johnston's Chapel	" "	R.C. Jackson	1.20	25.00	3.86		3	1	1			60	3			
Union Spring	" "	J.S. Ellis.	65	17.17			2	2		2	1	32		1	15	17
ew Chapel	" "		51													
Hopewell	" "	J.H. Worley	75	25.00		40.00	1	1	1			39				
Bethel	" "	R. Strickland	1.85	7.45			16	14	1	1	1	93	13		30	63
Beasley Grove	" "	J.A. Hodges	85	3.80	75		5	3	1	1		43	3		12	31
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	" "	1.05	11.45			2	2		4		56		2		
Wood's Grove	Wayne	C.R. Pearce	2.22	26.56	1.48	1.60	24	15	5	2		111	17		29	82
asey's Chapel	" "	J.F. Hill.	1.65	10.25	3.90	14.40	13	7	4	1		82	8		29	53

Minutes
of The
Forty Second Annual Session
of the
Cape Fear
Free-Will Baptist Conference
Held With
New Hope Church Johnston County, N.C.
October 29th, 30th and 31st, 1896.

H. W. Jernigan, Moderator; — Dunn, N.C.
Alex Munns, Treasurer; — Smithfield, "
J. F. Jackson, Secretary; — Timothy, "

The next session will be held with the church at Dunn, N.C., beginning on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1897, at 12 M.

Officers.

Moderator— H. W. Jernigan.
Treasurer— Alex Munns.
Secretary— J. F. Jackson.

Committees

On Obituaries— R. F. Jackson, A. Hodges, W. A. Colville.
On Ministerial Character— H. R. Hayes, C. M. Core, G. B. Strickland, W. H. Avery, A. H. Gregory.

Ordained Ministers.

S. B. Thain	Glemmore N.C.
Robert Strickland	" " "
J. F. Hill	Goldsboro "
[illegible] Lee	Giles' Mill "
Keith Reynor	Little River Academy "
C. L. Ellis	Clayton "

R. C. Jackson	Hawley's Store	N.C.
J. A. Hodges	Benson	"
J. E. Smith	Myatts Mill	
W. R. Glover	Little River Academy	"
W. L. Godwin	N Bess	"
W. B. Hare	Manchester	"
J. W. Moore	Four Oaks	
C. H. Tripp	Benson	"
Wm. Byrd	Little River Academy	"
J. F. Owens	Dunn	"
C. A. Jackson	" "	"
J. M. Lee	" "	"
J. A. Rouse	" "	"

Licentiates.

Daniel Faircloth, J. G. Whittenton, Martin Byrd.

Ordaining Council.

Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, Robert Strickland.

Proceedings

of the

Cape Fear Conference.

First Day.

New Hope, Johnston Co., N. C.

October 29th, 1896.

The congregation assembled in the church at 12 o'clock, M. Prayer was offered by Eld. J. A. Hodges. Afterward Eld. Wm. Byrd who was elected to preach the Introductory sermon, preached from 1st Tim. 4:12. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

After an intermission of 30 minutes, Conference reassembles and proceeds to enroll those entitled to membership.

Officers.

H. W. Jernigan, Moderator; J. F. Jackson, Secretary; Alex Means Treasurer.

Committees.

On Obituaries- R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, W. A. Colville,
On Ministerial Character- H. R. Hayes, C. M. Core, A. W. Gregory, G. B. Strickland.
On Ministerial Labor- H. W. Jernigan, S. W. Taylor, W. A. Colville, G. B. Strickland, A. Mums.

Ordained Ministers.

S. B. Thain, Robt. Strickland, J. F. Hill, Lunda Lee, Kenith Reynor, R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges, J. E. Smith, C. H. Tripp, Wm. Byrd, W. L. Godwin, W. B. Hare, S. Ellis, W. R. Glover.

Licentiates.

Daniel Faircloth.

Ordaining Council.

Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, Robt. Strickland.

Churches.

Prospect- N. W. Colville, R. B. Johnson,
Hodges' Chapel- Cornelius Pleasant, J. M. McLamb, and Lucian Norris.
Pleasant Grove- W. J. West, A. W. Faircloth,
Long Branch- W. M. Pope, J. C. Pope, Erasmus Lee,
Copiers Chapel- J. A. Reynor, J. M. Lucas, and W. E. Lucas,
Shady Grove- J. L. Wooten, A. H. Godwin, and W. J. Hinson,
Stoney Run- N. T. Barefoot, N. Barefoot, and W. A. Blackman,

New Hope- S. J. Thain, R. H. Allen, and D. H. Hayes,
Johnston Union- J. R. Norris, G. Corbett and W. H. Parrish,
St. Mary's Grove- J. R. Benson, J. W. Pollard,
Johnston's Chapel- J. [illegible] Stevenson,
Union Springs- S. H. Davis, J. P. Stevenson, and W. H. Gregory,
Mt. Pleasant- M. H. Woodall,
Wood's Grove- W. Anderson, J. L. Alphin, and J. J. Roberts,
Casey's Chapel- Alex Casey, Ichabod Grant and Richard Anderson,
New Chapel- Not Represented,
Bethel- W. N. Jordan, J. W. M. Stanley and R. D. Thomas.
Anderson Creek- By Letter,
Hopewell- D. C. Johnson, C. Thompson, and J. R. Wallis.
[illegible]- J. R. Jackson and W. F. Gainey,
Lee's Chapel- M. A. Willifor, J. A. Williford and J. R. Lee,
Beasley's Grove- W. Y. Moore, J. Beasley and J. L. Reynor,
[illegible] Grove- J. L. Lee, E. M. Tart,
[illegible]- Not Represented,

Central Conference - Rev. T. N. Manning.

A quorum being found present, and no officers to elect, Conference proceeds to transact the business that concerns this body.

Moderator appoints Bro. J. H. Stevenson Treasurer pro tem.

Moderator calls to his assistance Eld. J. F. Hill.

Secretary calls to his assistance W. A. Gregory.

Appointment of Committees.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Boundaries - Eld. Robt. Strickland, Bros. J. L. Alphin and H. R. Hayes.

On Finance - Bros. J. Beasley, N. T. Barefoot, J. C. Roberts.

On Religious Exercises - Bros. A. W. Gregory, W. A. Blackman and C. A. Jackson.

Enrollment of Newly Ordained Ministers.

On motion, Eld. J. F. Owens is enrolled.

Petitionary Letters.

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, the church of Williams Grove, Harnett County, be received as a member of this body and the right hand of fellowship be extended to Bros. W. T. Dupree and J. T. Adams, delegates from the same.

On motion by Eld. J. A. Hodges, the church of Plain View, Sampson County, be received as a member of this body and the right hand of fellowship be extended to Bros. J. K. Tew and M. C. Holland, delegates from the same.

On motion by Eld. J. A. Hodges, the church of Roberts Grove, Sampson County, be received as a member of this body, and the right hand of fellowship be extended to Bros. V. H. Holder, M. F. Jackson and J. F. Holland, delegates from the same.

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, the church of Corinth, Sampson County, be received as a member of this body, and the right hand of fellowship be extended to Bros. E. R. Blue, J. C. Smith and H. C. Sills, delegates from the same.

Committee on Religious Exercises reports to preach to-night ~~morrow~~ Bro. C. A. Jackson; to-morrow, at 10:30, Eld. J. F. Owens, followed by Rev. T. N. Manning; to-morrow night, Elders J. E. Smith, open and Lunda Lee preach.

On motion by Eld. J. A. Hodges, Conference adjourns until to-morrow morning 9:30. Prayer by Eld. Hill.

Second Day

Friday, Oct. 30th, 1896.

According to adjournment, Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9:30. Religious exercises are conducted by Eld. Lunda Lee.

Roll is called and 73 members answer.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Reports from churches are read. (See Statistical Table)

On motion by Eld. Lunda Lee, the report of the Committee on Ministerial Character is adopted (See report)

On motion by Eld. C. H. Tripp, resolution by Bro. Erasmus Lee, concerning the repealing of the resolutions creating a committee on Ministerial Labor, is received for discussion. Speeches were made by Bro. Erasmus Lee, Eld. Robert Strickland, and Bro. J. W. Taylor. At this point Conference adjourns one hour for dinner.

After dinner the discussion was resumed by Elders R. C. Jackson, Wm. Byrd, J. A. Hodges, J. F. Hill, C. H. Tripp, W. R. Glover and others. After a some-what lengthy discussion, Eld Wm. Byrd moved to table resolution until the next sitting of this body in 1897 which was carried by a vote 48 to 36.

Report of committee on Ministerial Labor was adopted. (See report)

Reports from ministers are received. (See reports)

Committee on Religious Exercises reports to preach to-morrow at 10:30, Bro. J. A. Rouse, followed by Eld. W. R. Glover.

On motion by Bro. N. Barefoot, the church of Zion, Sampson County, be received as a member of this body, and the right hand of fellowship be extended to Bros. J. F. Warren and R. M. McDaniel, delegates from the same.

On motion by Eld. C. H. Tripp, Conference adjourns until to-morrow morning 9:30. Prayer by Eld. Tripp.

Third Day

Saturday, Oct. 31st. 1896.

The ministers and members composing this body assembles in the church at 9:30. Religious exercises are conducted by Eld. Wm. Byrd, prayer by Rev. T. N. Manning.

Roll is called and 81 members answer.
Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.
Report of committee on Obituaries is received (See report)

On motion by Bro. N. Barefoot resolution by Eld. C. H. Tripp is received for discussion. (Withdrawn)

On motion by Eld. C. H. Tripp, resolution by Bro. A. W. Gregory, is received for discussion and adopted (See Resolution)

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, the Secretary is required to distinguish between standing and temporary resolutions

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, report of Ordaining Council is received and adopted. (See report)

On motion by Eld. Wm. Byrd, resolution by Bro. Robert Strickland of 1894, requiring all male members to be assessed 10c for the purpose of establishing a college, is repealed.

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, report of committee on Ministerial Labor is adopted. (See Report)

Conference adjourns for dinner.

At 1 O'clock Conference reassembles in the church and resumes business under the head of Miscellaneous Business.

On motion by Bro. W. H. Gregory, the report of Secretary of the Sabbath School Convention is adopted. (See report)

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, the name and address of the clerk of each local church be printed on the minutes.

On motion by Bro. J. F. Jackson, this Conference have 600 church letters printed for the use of the churches of this Conference

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach this evening at 2 o'clock, Elders C. H. Tripp, followed by J. A. Hodges; to night, W. B. Hare, followed by R. C. Jackson; to-morrow, R. C. Jackson, followed by J. F. Hill.

On motion, the committee on Religious Exercises is discharged.

On motion by Bro. H. A. Blackman, all classes at the Sabbath School convention have an equal showing.

By a vote the next session of this body convenes with the Church at Dunn, N. C.

On motion by Bro. Nathan Barefoot, this Conference have 700 copies of the proceedings of this session printed and distribute them as follows: S.C. Conference 25: Central 25: Eastern 25: Western 25: and distribute the remainder among the churches composing this body.

On motion by Eld. J.E. Smith, report of committee on Finance is adopted and committee discharged. (See report)

On motion by Eld. R.C. Jackson, we pay Eld. Lunda Lee $11.61, the amount of mission funds raised this year.

On motion by Eld. J.F. Hill, this body extends a vote of thanks to the W & W Railroad for the favors given the ministers of this body.

On motion by Bro. R.B. Johnson, a vote of thanks is given to the people of this community for the hospitality shown this body during this session.

On motion by Eld. R.C. Jackson, the Treasurer pay the Secretary $10.00 for preparing the manuscript of the proceedings of this Conference.

On motion by Eld. R.C. Jackson, the Secretary draw on the Treasurer for the necessary amount for printing and distributing the minutes of this Conference.

On motion by Bro. A.W. Gregory, Elders R.C. Jackson, J.F. Hill, and Bro. H.W. Jernigan be continued as the committee on Discipline, said committee to meet with committees appointed by the other F.W.B. Conferences at Ayden N.C., on Wednesday after the 4th Sunday in September 1897.

The Moderator appoints Eld. R.C. Jackson as delegate to the Central Conference.

The Moderator appoints Eld. Wm. Byrd and C.A. Jackson delegates to the Western Conference which convenes Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in Oct. 1897.

Eld. J.F. Hill is elected to preach the introductory at the next session of this body, Eld. R.C. Jackson is elected his alternate.

On motion by Bro. A.W. Gregory, conference adjourns to meet with the church of [illegible], N.C. commencing on Thursday before the 1st Sunday November 1897 at 12 M.

Prayer by Eld. R.C. Jackson, benediction by Eld. J.F. Hill.

H.W. Jernigan Mod.
J.F. Hill Asst Mod.

[illegible] Jackson Secretary
[illegible] Asst Sec.

Reports.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Labor,

Robert Strickland - Coliers Chapel and Bethel.
J. F. Hill - Casey's Chapel, Shady Grove and Mission Work
Linda Lee - Long Branch; and assistant at Plain View.
Kenneth Reynor - Mission Work.
J. J. Ellis - Beasley's Grove and Stony Run.
R. L. Jackson - [illegible], [illegible] Grove and Corinth.
J. A. Hodges - Union Springs, Williams Grove and [illegible]
J. J. Smith - Hodges' Chapel.
W. R. [illegible] - Pleasant Grove.
W. L. Godwin - Plain View and Zion.
W. R. Hare - Ebenezer and [illegible] Creek.
H. Moore - New Chapel.
J. H. Tripp - St. Mary's Grove and Johnston Chapel.
W. Byrd - Hopewell and Mission Work.
J. [illegible] - Lee's Chapel and Prospect.
J. C. Jackson - Sandy Grove and Mt. Pleasant.
J. A. Rouse - Lee's Grove assisted by Wm. Byrd.
Julius M. Lee, New Hope and assistant at Shady Grove.

H. W. Jernigan Chr.

M. B. Strickland Sec.

Report of Finance Committee,

We the Finance Committee submit the following report. We find in the hands of the Treasurer,

For minutes,	$30.78
For mission,	$11.61
For miscellaneous	.50
Total	$42.89

[illegible] Rhodes
N. [illegible] Barefoot } Com.
J. [illegible] Hood

Report of Ordaining Council.

We the Ordaining Council submit the following report.

At Shady Grove Church Sampson County on the fourth Sunday in September 1896 we examined Bro. J. F. Owens, who had obtained license from the church at [illegible] and found him to be orthodox in the faith.

The Council then proceeded to ordain Bro. Owens to full work of the ministry after the usual custom, charge and sermon and the laying on of hands by the Presbytery. Sermon by Eld. Linda Lee.

At New Hope Church Johnston county, on Friday Eve. Oct 30. 1890. We examined and ordained Bros. J. M. Lee, C. A. Jackson and J. A. Rouse who had been recommended by their respective churches for ordination.

The charge and sermon by Eld. Linda Lee. Text: 1st. Timothy 4:16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

Respectfully submitted.
Linda Lee
R. C. Jackson } Ordaining Council.
Robert Strickland

Report of Committee on Ministerial Character.

We the committee on Ministerial Character report the following: That after thorough investigations, we find nothing derogatory to the Christian Character of any of the ministers of our Conference.

We ask the aid of all the church clerks of each local church to assist us in our work.

A. W. Gregory
C. M. Cook
H. R. Hayes } Committee.
G. B. Strickland

Minor Report of Committee on Ministerial Labor.

We the Committee submit the following: Being informed by clerk of church at St. Mary's [illegible] That Bro. [illegible] would not be able to do any ministerial work this year, we therefore assigned Bro. J. W. Moore to fill the vacancy of Bro. [illegible] and J. S. Ellis to fill the vacancy of [illegible]. There has been regular preaching at all the churches so far as we know and a general turning to the Lord.

J. R. Strickland, L. W. Taylor
A. Colville, Alex. [illegible] } Com.
A. H. Jernigan

Resolutions, standing.

Resolution by H. H. Gregory 1896.

Resolved. That a part of Elder Johnson's resolution 1859 be amended with part of Elder Hodge's resolution 1893 so that it will read thus;

Resolve, That each minister of the Cape Fear Conference be requested to report to each Annual Conference all the work done by themselves in and outside the bounds of the Cape Fear Conference.

Resolved 2nd, That each minister failing to have two or more monthly appointments shall render an excuse for negligence.

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Order of Business 1896.

1st Introductory Sermon.
2nd Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3rd Organization.
4th Enrollment of Newly Ordained Ministers.
5th Enrollment of Licentiates.
6th Call for Petitionary Letters.
7th Appointment of Committees.
8th Hand of Fellowship to visiting brethren.
9th Reports from Committees.

10th Reports from Churches.
11th Resolutions.
12th Miscellaneous Business.
13th Adjournment.

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Obituary of Bro. J. P. Ogburn.

Since the Conference of 1[illegible], we find that God in his kind Providence has seen fit to remove from this honorable body, the Cape Fear Conference, two of the oldest ministers. The first was Bro. J. P. Ogburn, whose birth we have no definite date. Bro. Ogburn was a man in whom the people had the utmost confidence as a Christian minister and brother. He was always a very pious man in all his endeavors. The writer has not been able to get the date that he began to preaching. However, he was a very steadfast minister in the faith once delivered to the saints.

In the latter years of his work in the ministry, he was elected a member of the Ordaining Council.

He stood in the highest estimation of all who knew him. In the death of Bro. Ogburn the Cape Fear Conference has sustained a loss which can never be filled. He passed away in the latter part of November, 1892.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

"Mark the perfect man, behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

His funeral was preached by Eld. J. A. Hodges. Text: Rev. 14:13. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, sayeth the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them".

Obituary of Bro. Wm. Harris.

In connection with the obituary of Bro. Ogburn, with sadness, we chronicle the death of Eld. Wm. Harris, whose ministry dates back to the infancy of the Cape Fear Conference.

Elder Harris was a man of very much energy in the calling wherewith he was called. In the beginning of his ministerial labors he was a very successfull in-gatherer to the Conference; yet the elder made a few mistakes during his race of life. His manner of preaching was very plain and stately. Though uneducated, his familiarity with the word of God was hardly excelled. Like many others, he was acquainted with sorrow, tribulations and disappointments. We believe that his last days were his happiest ones. He attended the annual conference held with the Church at Shady Grove, in Sampson County in 1893. He went home from the conference and immediately he was taken sick with pneumonia and died in the latter part of the year 1893. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord" We trust our loss was his eternal gain. The funeral was preached by Elder Lu[illegible]da Lee — Text: 2 Tim. 4: 7-8 inclusive "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

R. C. Jackson, V. A. Colvile and J. A. Hodges, Committee.

Sabbath School Report

Name of School	Superintendent	Members on Roll	No. of Members belonging to church	No. joined church from Sabbath School	Paid for Literature	Ave. attend.	Missionary funds
Maple Grove	Ransom West	90	30	4	$8.50	75	$5.00
Lee's Chapel	S.H. Williford	50		2		40	$3.35
odges Chapel	Eli Holmes	73			$3.49		
nderson Creek		57			$0.72	26	
hady Grove	S.F. Jackson	112	65	16	$2.61	62	$17.90
asey's Chapel	I. Grant	65	50	5	$5.00	35	

The next session of the Sabbath School Convention will be held with the church at Prospect, Harnett County, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1897

Lunda Lee, Pres. Pro tem,
R.B. Strickland Sec.

Pastors' Report.

Ministers	Churches served	Members Received	Sermons Preached	Funerals	S.S. Lectures	Married	Days in Revivals	Amount Received	Churches organized
J.A. Hodges	2	90	57				40	$20.85	1
J.S. Ellis	2								
W. R. Glover	1	25	39			2		$25.00	
W. B. Hare	1	2	88	11			15	$22.80	
C.H. Tripp		1	28	2				$7.50	
W. L. Godwin	1	15	54						1
Wm. Baird	2	9	81	2		2	49	$24.65	
Lunda Lee	1	72	85		1	4		$15.90	1
Robt. Strickland	2	14	100	7		1		$21.92	
J.F. Hill	2	45	64					$51.49	
Keneth Reynor	1					3	8	$10.50	
R.C. Jackson	3	197		7		4	68	$73.00	2
J.W. Moore			76					85	

Statistical Table 1896.

Churches	Counties	Pastors	Minute Funds	Paid to Pastors	Sabbath School Funds	Miscellaneous Funds	Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. Members	Increase	Decrease	No. Males	No. Females
Prospect	Harnett	J. F. Hill	$1.00	$29.42	$1.08	$3.30	16	9	1	1	1	128	6			
Hodges Chapel	" "	J. S. Ellis	$1.80	$19.23	$3.39		43	33	9	4	5	190	9			
Pleasant Grove	" "	R. C. Jackson	$1.00				32	23			2	110	30		48	62
Anderson Creek	" "	Wm. Byrd	50		84							43			16	27
Lunn	" "	R. C. Jackson	$1.20	$27.00								110	51			
Lee's Grove	" "	J. A. Hodges	50		40		11	10	2	2		47	9		21	26
Ebenezer	" "	W. B. Hare														
Williams's Grove	" "	J. A. Hodges	46				23	13				23	23		18	5
Long Branch	Cumberland	J. H. Worley	$2.00	$30.00		$10.00	34	34			1	152	33			
Colier's Chapel	" "	J. A. Hodges	67	$21.55			26	23				93	26			
Shady Grove	Sampson	R. C. Jackson	$4.00	$34.80	$21.00	$33.00	75	61	5	16	4	387	54		165	222
Stoney Run	" "	W. R. Glover	$1.50	$25.00		50	15	12		1	1	129	13		53	76
Lee's Chapel	" "	W. L. Godwin	$1.47				14	10				77	13			
Plain View	" "	Lunda Lee	75				34					34				
Roberts Grove	" "	R. C. Jackson	.50				37					37			16	21
Corinth	" "	" "	.50				24					24				
Zion	" "	W. L. Godwin	.40				8					8				
New Hope	Johnston	Robt. Strickland	$1.52	$11.15			9	9	7	4		76		2	34	42
ohnston Union	" "	" "	$1.50	$21.17		.60	6		2	2	1	76	1		26	50
St. Mary's Grove	" "	J. H. Moore	50			90				2	1	27		3		
ohnston's Chapel	" "	Lunda Lee	25													
Union Springs	" "	J. S. Ellis	.70	$9.20			4	3				33	3		15	15
New Chapel	" "	J. E. Smith														
Hopewell	" "	C. H. Tripp	$1.00	$25.00			1	1				40	1		15	25
Bethel	" "	J. W. Moore	$1.10													
Beasley Grove	" "	K. Reynor	60	$10.00			15	6			2	56	13		~~12~~	~~44~~
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	Wm. Byrd	70	$4.90						2		54		2	12	42
Wood's Grove	Wayne	C. R. Pearce	$1.00	$4.20	$1.00	$3.90	4		3	2	1	112		2	30	82
Casey's Chapel	" "	J. F. Hill	$1.86	$13.00		$12.50	15	10	3	1		93	11		32	61

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Transcribed by J. F. Jackson,

Minutes
-of the-
Forty-Third Annual Session
-of the-
Cape Fear
Free Will Baptist Conference
Held with
Dunn Church, Harnett County, N.C.
November 4th, 5th and 6th, 1897.

Officers.

H. W. Jernigan,	Moderator;	Dunn	N.C
Alex Muns,	Treasurer,	Smithfield	N.C
J. F. Jackson	Secretary,	Timothy,	N.C

The next session will be held with [illegible] Chapel Church Cumberland County, N.C., beginning on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1898 at 12 M.

Committees.

On Obituaries— R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges and W. A. Colville

On Ministerial Character— W. R. Hays, C. M. Core, G. B. Strickland, W. H. Avery and A. W. Gregory.

On Ministerial Labor— Chairman— J. W. Taylor, Dunn N.C., Sec.— G. B. Strickland Smithfield N.C., H. W. Jernigan, Alex Muns, H. P. Colier and W. A. Colville,

Ordained Ministers,

J. B. Thain	Glenmore	N.C
Robert Strickland	"	"
J. F. Hill	Goldsboro.	"
Lunda Lee.	Giles' Mill	"
Kenith Reynor		"
J. A. Ellis.	Clayton	"
R. C. Jackson	Hawley's Store	"
J. A. Hodges.	Benson	"
J. E. Smith.	Myatts Mills.	"
W. R. Glover.	Little River Academy	"
W. B. Hare	Manchester	"
J. F. Owen.	Dunn	"
C. A. Jackson.	"	"
J. M. Lee	"	"
T. Ra[illegible]	"	"

[illegible] Salmon,	Fayetteville,	N.C.
H.W. Jernigan,	Dunn,	"
W. Lucas.	"	"
J.F. Ennis.	Key.	"
J.E. Johnston	Saulston,	"

Licentiates,

Daniel Faircloth, J.G. Whittenton, Martin Byrd, J.C. Adams, J.R. Stafford, G.H. Jernigan, Richard Hobson, B.M.F. Coates, G.A. Pope, C.A. Hall, J.H. Faircloth, W.M. Pope, W.R. Langley, J.T. Lucas, W.H. Avery, Add Guy and Hanibal Pope,

Ordaining Council,

Lunda Lee, R.C. Jackson and Robert Strickland,

Proceedings of the Cape Fear Conference, Held at Dunn, N.C.

First Day Nov. 4, 1897.

The Congregation assembles in the church at 12, M. Prayer is offered by Elder C.A. Jackson, Owing to the absence of Eld. J.F. Hill, who was appointed to preach the Introductory, and his alternate, Eld. R.C. Jackson, Elder Lunda Lee is called to the stand and preached from 1st. Cor. 16:13, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men be strong."

After an intermission of 50 minutes, Conference reassembles and proceeds to enroll those entitled to membership,

Officers – H.W. Jernigan, Moderator; Alex Muns, Treasurer; and J.F. Jackson Secretary.

Committees.

On Obituaries – R.C. Jackson, J.A. Hodges, and W.A. Colville, Ministerial Character – W.H. Avery, A.H. [illegible], [illegible] M. Core, and G.B. Strickland,

On Ministerial Labor – H.W. Jernigan, G.B. Strickland, W.P. Colier, Alex Muns, and J.W. Taylor,

Ordaining Council – Lunda Lee, R.C. Jackson, ~~J.S. Ellis~~ J.A. and Robert Strickland.

Ordained Ministers – Lunda Lee, R.C. Jackson, J.S. Ellis, J.A. Hodges, J.E. Smith, W.R. Grover, J.F. Owen, C.A. Jackson, J.M. Lee, J.A. Rouse, Robert Strickland, C.H. Tripp, and Kenith Raynor.

Licentiate – Daniel Faircloth.

Churches.

Prospect - R.M. Parker, S. L. Ennis, N. H. Colville,
Colier's Chapel - N.B. Norris, C. J. Lee and Smith ~~[illegible]~~ Colie.
Pleasant Grove - A. S. Lucas, W.K. Norris.
Hodges Chapel - J.M. McLamb, Hinton Ennis,
Long Branch - Zachary Taylor J.M. Wade and Furney Tart.
Shady Grove - E.R. Wilson, Charlie Jennings
Stoney Run - W. J. Jernigan, W. T. Barefoot, R. E. Barefoot.
New Hope - J. B. Jernigan, E.W. Marlow, J.B. Allen
Johnston Union - J.M. Langdon, S.J. Hill, S.E. Turnage
St. Marys Grove - B.C. Harper - J.D. Barbour, W. J. Barbour,
Johnston's Chapel - W.H. Barbour, J.N. Stephens, J.D. Stephens.
Union Springs - J.P. Stephenson, W.N. Gregory, S.H. Davis.
Mt. Pleasant - W. H. Woodall.
Woods Grove - J. J. Roberts, J.L. Alphin, Allen Smith,
Casey's Chapel - E. E. Long, W.D. Adams.
Bethel - J.R. Massengill, E. M. Temple.
Anderson's Creek - Not Represented.
Hopewell - E. E. Parker, D.C. Johnston,
Dunn - J.W. Taylor, G.W. Wade, Pink Riddle.
Lee's Chapel - N.M. Easom, M.A. Williford, T.S. Tart.
Beasley's Grove - N.M. Beasley,

Lee's Grove - E. M. Tart.
Ebenezer - Not represented.
Williams Grove - J. J. Adams, A.A. Beasley, Sandy Stewart,
Plain View - J. R. Tew, A.C. Bass.
Roberts Grove - J.F. Jackson, O.M. Jackson, V.H. Holder,
Corinth - R.H. Blue, W.F. Sewell, J.R. Phillips,
Zion - R.M. McDaniel, J. B. Warren, Anthony Godwin
Western Conference - J. H. Worley,
South Carolina Conference - W. P. Evans,

Election of Officers.

Bros. W.H. Jernigan, A.W. Gregory, J.W. Taylor, R.M. Parker, and Eld. Lunda Lee are nominated for Moderator.
On second ballott Bro. Jernigan is elected by a vote of 33 to 27. against Eld. Lee.
Bros. W. H. Gregory, J.F. Jackson, A.W. Gregory and Zachry Taylor are nominated for secretary Jackson is declared elected by a vote of 29,

Bros. J. L. Alphin, Alex Munns and J. W. Taylor are nominated for Treasurer. Bro. Munns is elected by a vote of 35.

The Moderator calls to his assistance Eld. J. F. Owen;

The Secretary calls to his assistance Bro. A. W. Gregory.

Appointment of Committees.

Finance - Bros. J. J. Roberts, N. B. Norris, A. S. Lucas.

Religious Exercises - Bros. J. L. Alphin, J. W. Taylor, C. M. Core,

Enrollment of Newly Ordained Ministers;

On motion by Bro. A. S. Lucas. Eld. Joseph Salmon is enrolled as an ordained minister.

Enrollment of Licentitates,

On motion by Eld. J. A. Hodges. Bros. J. C. Adams, J. H. Lucas, L. R. Stafford, L. E. Johnston G. H. Jernigan, Richard Hobson, B. M. F. Coates, G. A. Pope, C. G. Hall, J. H. Faircloth, W. M. Pope, W. R. Langley, J. D. Lucas. W. H. Avery, Add Guy and Hannibal Pope are enrolled as Licentiates,

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-night, at the M. E. Church at 7:30; L. E. Johnston; at the Free-Will Church at 7:30; W. P. Gause.

On motion Conference adjourns to meet tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. Prayer by Eld. J. S. Ellis.

Second Day

According to adjournment, Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 A.M.

Religious Exercises are conducted by Eld. Lunda Lee

Roll is called and 61 members answer.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach at the Free-Will Church at 11 A.M. Eld. Robt. Strickland; at 2 P.M., Eld. J. S. Ellis,

To night at the Free-Will church at 7:30, Eld. J. F. Owen; at the Missionary Baptist Church, Eld. R. C. Jackson!

The right hand of fellowship is extended to Dr. W. B. Harrell, a visiting minister from the Little River Association (Missionary Baptist)

The followin New Churches Admitted

The following are the names of the new churches admitted with delegates attached by motion.

Hickory Grove, Cumberland County: delegates - Bros. [illegible] N. Horne and S. N. Faircloth.

Owen Grove, Sampson County; delegates - Bros. - H. Lockamy, M. Simmons and R. E. Herring.

Oak Grove, Sampson County; delegates - Bros. J. E. Warren, Everett Warren and E. M. Tart.

Hickory Grove, Robeson County; delegates, - Bros. J. S. Watson and R. B. Jackson.

St. Paul, Sampson County, delegates - Bros. Blake Warren, J. M. Britt and Edgar Dameron.

Weaver's Grove, Harnett County, delegates - Bros W. H. Wiggins and W. J. Mitchel.

Reports from Churches.

The reports from churches are read (See Statistical Tables)

After an intermission of one and a half hours for dinner Conference reassembles and resumes business under the head of reports from Committees.

Reports from Committees.

On motion by Bro. J. W. Taylor, report of Committee on Ministerial Character is adopted (See Report)

On motion by Bro. J. A. Hodges, the Moderator appoints a committee to demand the credentials of H. L. Godwin. The Moderator appoints on this Committee Elds. Leonidas Lee and R. C. Jackson.

On motion by Eld. J. A. Hodges, the part of the report of Committee on Ministerial Character, concerning Bro. C. H. Tripp is recommitted to the Committee.

On motion by Bro. J. W. Taylor, resolution by Bro. Erasmus Lee, of 1896, and tabled by motion of Eld. Wm. Byrd until this Conference, is made the special order for tomorrow 10. a. m.

Fines of 10 cts each are collected Bros. N. W. Colville, E. R. Wilson, G. H. Jernigan, and Eld. J. H. Worley.

On motion by Bro. J. J. Roberts, Conference adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Eld R. C. Jackson.

Third Day.

According to adjournment Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 A. M.

Religious exercises are conducted by Eld. Joseph Salmon.

Roll is called and 108 members answer.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Committee on Religious exercises report to preach ~~to mo~~ at the Free-Will Church at 11 a.m., Eld. J. E. Smith; at 2 P.M. Eld. Joseph Salmon; to-night at the M. E. Church at 7:30. Eld. C. A. Jackson; at the Disciple Church at 7;30, Eld. J. N. Worley; at the Free-Will church at 7;30, Eld. J. A. Hodges.

A fine of 10 cts is collected from Bro. J. M. McLamb.

The hour of 10 having arrived the resolution by Bro. E. Lee, of 1896 concerning the repealing of the resolution creating a committee on Ministerial Labor, and tabled by motion of Eld. Wm. Byrd untill this Conference is taken from the table and discussed by Bros. H. W. Jernigan, Z. Taylor, Eld. R. C. Jackson, and Bro. I. W. Taylor.

The resolution remains a law by a vote of 65 to 39.

On motion by Bro. Z. Taylor, the report of committee on Ministerial Character, concerning Eld. Tripp is adopted; the Moderator appoints the committee requested in the report and advise that they investigate the charges against Elder Tripp, make final settlement and report to this body. The Moderator appoints on this committee Elds. Lenda Lee, R. C. Jackson and Bro. J. S. Alphin.

On motion by Eld. J. A. Hodges, the resignation of Bro. H. W. Jernigan as a member and Chairman of the committee on Ministerial Labor is accepted.

Bro. W. J. Jernigan is nominated and elected to fill the vacancy caused by the ~~resi~~gnation of Bro. H. W. Jernigan by a vote of 49 to 40 against Bro. W. H. Gregory.

On motion of Eld. C. A. Jackson, Bro. F. K. Ginn from the Central Conference, is given a seat in this body.

On motion of Bro. Z. Taylor, the Moderator appoints a committee of three consisting of Elders J. A. Hodges, Lenda Lee, and R. C. Jackson to revise the discipline and report to the next annual session of this body.

Conference adjourns for dinner.

At 2 P.M. Conference reassembles and resumes business under the head of Miscellaneous Business.

On motion by Bro. A. W. Gregory, the Moderator appoints a committee to examine Book of Records and report to the Secretary all unrepealed resolutions necessary to the government of this body in time to be printed in this minute.

Eld. J.A. Hodges, Lunda Lee, and R.C. Jackson were appointed on the above committee.

On motion by Bro. A.H. Gregory resolution by Bro. J.W. Taylor is received for discussion. (Resolution lost)

On motion by Eld. J.A. Hodges, resolution by Bro J.S. Ennis is received for discussion, (Resolution lost.

On motion by Eld. J.E. Smith, resolution by Bro. J.A. Colville concerning the regulating of the work of the ministry is received for discussion. (Resolution lost)

On motion by Bro. W.H. Gregory, resolution by Eld. J.A. Hodges is received for discussion. (Resolution lost)

On motion by Bro. W.H. Gregory, resolution by Bro E.R. Wilson is received for discussion. (Resolution lost)

On motion by Eld. J.E. Smith, resolution offered by Bro. B. M.F. Coates be tabled. (Motion carried)

Reports from ministers are received (See Reports)

On motion by Bro. D.R. Stafford, the Moderator appoints a committee to sell and dispose of New Chapel Church and the land, if in a condition to be sold and report this action to the next annual sitting of this body. (Motion carried)

The Moderator appoints on this committee Elds. J.A. Hodges, J.S. Ellis and Bro. D.R. Stafford.

By vote, the next session of this body is to be held with the church at Colyer's Chapel, Cumberland County N.C.

Eld. J.F. Owen is elected to preach the introductory, and Eld. J.M. Lee his alternate

On motion by Bro. W.H. Gregory a vote of thanks is tendered the brethren of M.E., Disciple, Presbyterian and Missionary Baptist Churches, the town of Dunn, and surrounding community for kindness and hospitality shown this body during this session of Conference.

On motion by Bro. C.F. Jackson the next session of the Sunday School Convention be held with New Hope church Johnston Co., N.C. (Motion carried)

On by Bro. Sandy Stewart, the report of committee to investigate the charges against Eld. C.N. Tripp is adopted.

The Moderator appoints Bros. J.J. Roberts, H.P. Colier and G.H. Wade a committee to demand the credentials of Bro. Tripp. Bro. Tripp deliberately refused to hand over his credentials to the Committee; the Committee is discharged.

A collection is taken up to pay the sexton $1.05 is received.

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-morrow at 11 a.m. at the Free Will Baptist Church Eld. J.H. Worley, followed by Eld. Lunda Lee; at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian church, Elds. C.A. Jackson and W.P. Gause.

Night Session.

Conference is called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer is offered by Eld. W.P. Gause.

A fine of 10 cts is collected from Bro. J.B. Allen.

On motion by Eld. R.C. Jackson, the Secretary prepares the manuscript of the proceedings of this conference and send it to the Free-Will Baptist Pub. Co., Ayden, N.C. for publication, with a request that the Pub. Co. give us a better minute than that of last year.

On motion by Eld. R.C. Jackson, the Secretary is ordered to have 75 copies of the proceedings of this body printed and distribute them as follows; S.C. Conference 25: Western Conference 25: Central Conference 25: Eastern Conference 25: and the balance among the churches composing this body in proportion to the amount of money paid for minutes.

On motion by Bro. J.J. Roberts Eld. R.C. Jackson is appointed a delegate to the South Carolina Conference to be held with the church at High Hill, Williamsburg Co. S.C. on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1898.

On motion by Eld R.C. Jackson, the report of the finance Committee is received and Committee discharged. (See Report)

On motion by Bro. I.W. Taylor, resolution offered by Eld R.C. Jackson is adopted, (See Resolution)

On motion of Eld. R.C. Jackson, resolution by Eld. Lunda Lee of 1894 concerning a Minister's Meeting is repealed.

On motion by Bro. W.J. Jernigan, the obituary of Eld. Wm. Byrd is received and the obituaries of Bro. Noel West and Sister Phoeby West be sent to the Free-Will Baptist for publication.

On motion by Eld. R.C. Jackson, the Treasurer is ordered to pay after settling for minutes, any surplus mission and Miscellaneous funds to Bro. A.W. Gregory on account by this body amount $7.00

On motion by Eld. Jackson the Secretary is allowed $10 for his services.

On motion by Eld. R.C. Jackson, the Secretary is ordered to draw on Treasurer for the amount necessary to defray the cost of printing and distributing the Minutes.

On motion by Eld. R. C. Jackson the report of Committee on Ministerial Labor is adopted. (See Report).

On motion by Bro. A. S. Lucas, Conference adjourns to meet with the church at Colyer's Chapel, Cumberland Co., on Thursday before the 1st. Sunday in Nov. 1898 at 12 M. Religious exercises are conducted by Eld. R. C. Jackson.

H. W. Jernigan, Mod.
J. F. Owen, Asst. Mod.

J. F. Jackson, Clk.
A. W. Gregory, Reading Clk.

Reports.

Committee on Ministerial Labor.

W. R. Gloar — Pleasant Grove.
W. B. Hare — Hickory Grove, Robeson County, Mission Work
Lenda Lee — Mt. Pleasant and Shady Grove.
Robert Strickland — Hodges Chapel and Casey's Chapel.
J. F. Hill — Hopewell and Oak Grove.

Kenith Riynor — Beasley's Grove and Ebenezer.

R. C. Jackson — St. Paul, Plain View and Zion.
L. E. Johnson — Mission Work.
J. F. Owen — Owen's Grove, Colyer's Chapel and Dunn.
Joseph Salmon — Hickory Grove, (Cumb. Co.) and Long Branch
J. A. Hodges — Weaver's Grove and Williams Grove.
J. S. Ellis — St. Mary's Grove and Union Springs
J. E. Smith — Stoney Run.
C. A. Jackson — Wood's Grove, Johnston Union and Mission Work
J. M. Lee — New Hope and Lee's Chapel.
J. M. Rouze — Lee's Grove and Bethel.
H. W. Jernigan — Prospect, Robert's Grove and Corinth.
J. W. Lucas — Anderson's Creek and Johnston's Chapel.

Vacancies filled by the Committee since last Conference.

R. C. Jackson to fill vacancy caused by Bro Tripp at Johnston's Chapel.

Robert Strickland — to fill vacancy caused by [illegible]

Tripp at St Mary's Grove.

J. H. Worley to fill vacancy caused by sickness and death of Bro. Wm. Byrd at Hopewell.

Lunda Lee to fill vacancy caused by sickness of Bro Ellis at Stoney Run.

We recommend that the several licentiates assist the ministers in their work.

I. W. Taylor, Chr.,
G. B. Strickland Sec.

Committee Appointed to Investigate and Settle Charges Against Bro. Tripp.

[We find after final investigation that Bro Tripp will not submit to the rules and regulations of the Conference, also we demand the Conference to discontinue his name on the minutes and revoke his credentials for refusing to be subject to the laws of this body.]

Respectfully submitted.
Lunda Lee
J. L. Alphin,
R. C. Jackson, Com.

Finance Committee.

We the Finance Committee submit the following.
We find in the hands of the Treasurer:

For Minutes	34 63
For Miscellaneous Funds	1 60
For Missions	2 88
For Fines	60
	$39 71

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. Roberts,
N. B. Norris,
A. S. Lucas, Com.

Committee on Ministerial Character.

[We the committee on ministerial character, report the following: We find or know nothing derogatory to the Christian character or to their work in the ministry of any of the ministers except Bro H. S.

Godwin who has been expelled by his Church.

We therefore, ask this Conference to demand his Credentials.

Also we find that Bro. C. H. Tripp claims that the preachers of this Conference are unsettled upon the doctrine and that he will not serve the churches until the doctrine question is settled.

Also we prefer charges against him for being at variance with and accusing brethren of lying and says that he will not submit to serve the churches under the committee of apportioning the work.

We therefore charge him with disobedience to the sense and laws of this Conference. And so he charges our ministers of heresy by accusing all the ministers of preaching not in accordance with the Bible and Discipline. We therefore ask that this conference elect a committee to revoke and demand his credentials.]

C. M. Core,
H. H. Gregory.
A. W. Gregory.
G. B. Strickland, Com.

Ordaining Council.

We the ordaining council of the Cape Fear Conference submit the following report: At Dunn, N.C. during the regular session of the annual Conference, Bros. J. W. Lucas, L. E. Johnson, H. W. Jernigan and J. L. Ennis presented themselves to the Council for ordination and passed satisfactory examinations on the principles and doctrines of the Bible and usages of the Free-Will Baptist teachings,

We therefore proceeded to ordain them after the usual custom, a prayer, charge and the laying on of the hands of the Presbytery.

Linda Lee.
R. C. Jackson,
Robert Strickland, Ordaining Com.

Resolutions

Resolution by N. W. Colville, 1897

Believing that the interest of the Churches, demand, and in order to extend the bounds of the Conference, Therefore be it resolved: That a new committee be elected at each session of this Conference who shall regulate the work of the ministry for one year following their election.

Resolution By R. C. Jackson, 1897

Resolved 1st. That this Conference set a part Sat. before the 5th Sunday in July or August of each year in the town of Dunn a ministers meeting for the special benefit of ministers

Resolved 2d. That any minister failing to attend said meeting without being providentially hindered shall not be considered in good standing.

Order of Business 1898.

1st. Introductory Sermon, – By Elder J. F. Owen.
2d. Enrollment of those entitled to membership.
3d. Organization
4th. Enrollment of Newly Ordained Ministers.
5th. Enrollment of Licentiates.
6th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
7th. Appointment of Committees.
8th. Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Brethren,
9th. Reports from Churches.
10th. Resolutions,
11th. Reports from Committees.
12th. Miscellaneous Business,
13th. Adjournment,

Obituary of Eld. William Byrd,

Eld. William Byrd, Our beloved and deceased Bro., in Christ, who was born in the year 1830 and departed this life Aug. 30. 1897. He united with the Free Will Baptist Church at Prospect, in 1856, soon after he was converted he claimed to have been called to preach the gospel in which he proved to be true in after years by being such a wonderful power in promulgating the word of eternal Truth. Upon his extraordinary talent in handling the word of God while quite a babe in Christ,

at his demand of the Church of which he was a member, for license to preach the Church unhesitatingly granted his request. From thence forward he did a great work in the Masters Cause. His preaching dates almost as far back as the Cape Fear Conference. While the Conference was in its infancy, he was a man wonderfully used of God, in turning the people from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. He also established and organized several Churches during his ministerial life. His manner of preaching was wholesome and actually food for the soul of those that heard him preach. For many years he tried the fleece, both wett and dry. He was possessed of almost an iron clad resolution to meet his appointments— Cold or hot, sleet or snow. It seemed to be his chief glory to do the master's will; and though so great a worker in the Master's cause yet, like Paul of old, when necessity was laid upon him, he refused not to labor with his own hand. And though he was a preacher of righteousness, yet he was an industrious man.

In connection with his great talent for preaching, he was possessed with the finest kind of talent for vocal music, and was known all over North Carolina as an extraordinary songster. He taught singing schools for churches of other denominations as well as that of his own. He was no respector persons, and was very successfull in cultivating a feeling of sympathy upon the part of all whom he became aquainted with. He never knew what it was to be spurned by many of his fellow men.

The writer was in conversation with the aged Elder not long before his death and he kindly gave me a short history of his life. He said: "Brother, my experience is a broad one while in life, more especially since I got into the ministry. Though I have been very successful, yet I have made some mistakes. After I was a member of the Cape Fear Conference for a number of years, under a certain persuation I left the Conference, which I have often regretted.

During the second year of the writer's pastoral care of Prospect Church, of which the Elder was formally a member, he came out one Saturday at one of our regular quarterly meetings. After the business of the church had all been dispensed with, Elder Byrd, who at that time was a memb of the Methodist church, slowly arose from his seat and aske permission to say a few words. In those words he referred the church to the past record of his life and said: "Brethren, I am no stranger among you: for a certain persuation, at my request, you discontinued my name from your church roll. I now confess that I want, by an action of this conference, to come back as a brother among you. All things work to-gether for good to those that love God. I feel that the mistake I have made has only served as a means of grace in bringing me into closer communion with God."

Upon his noble confession he was unanimously received back into full fellowship with Prospect church, of which he died a member. The last days of his life seemed to have been his happiest ones. In the annual session of the Cape Fear Conference in 1896, held with New Hope Church, Johnston County, Eld. Byrd preached the introductory sermon — Text: 1 Tim. 4:12. "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example unto the believer, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." The instruction he gave upon this noble subject should ever be heeded by all who heard it. Holiness and purity was the theme of his noble sermon. Soon afterwards he became a great sufferer with Bright's disease, and though the best of medical aid was obtained and the prayers of many Christians for his recovery, yet as Paul says Heb. 9:27. "It is appointed once for man to die, and after that the judgement." So after many years of toil and tribulation, crosses and trials of life, the grim monster took him away from his dear companion and children, and a large circle of brethren, sisters and friends.

He was buried with Masonic honor at Pleasant Plains' Church, Harnett Co., N.C. His funeral was preache by Elder R.C. Jackson, the 3rd Sunday in October, 1897, in the presence of a large congregation.

In the death of Elder Byrd the Cape Fear Conferenc has sustained a loss that can never be filled, but we hope our loss is his eternal gain. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord".

Farewell Brother, deep and lowly,
Rest thee on thy bed of clay;
Kindred spirits, angels holy,
Bear thy heavenward soul away.

R. C. Jackson,
J. A. Hodges,
W. C. Colville. Committee.

Sabbath School Reports.

Name of School.	Superintendent	Numbers in Roll	No. of membership belonging to church	No. joined church from Sabbath S.	Paid for Literature	Aver. attend.	Miscellaneous funds
Oak Grove	G. H. Keen	75	32	16	1,75	42	10.93
Maple Grove	J. L. Wooten	158	75		.70	89	20.20
Shady Grove	A. H. Godwin	140	80	1	.73	63	10.00
Robert's Grove	J. L. Jackson	87	47	2	1,10	51	7.28
Prospect	J. L. Byrd	119	121		13.20		

The next session will be held with the Church at New Hope, Johnston Co., on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1898.

W. A. Jackson Pres.
C. L. Avery, Secretary.

Pastor's Reports.

Ministers	Churches served	Members received	Sermons Preach'd	Funerals	S. S. Lectures	Married	Days in Revivals	Churche Organiz'd	Amt Received		Deacons Ordained.
J. M Lee	2	8				2	16		22	00	
J. A. Rouse		1	37						4	50	
J. E. Smith				4			4				
Kenith Reynor				4			9		4	50	
J. S. Ellis		8					8				
J. A. Hodges	3	56					68	1	32	12	
J. F. Hill	3	73	100				65	2	79	25	8
W. B. Hair			57			7					
Robert Strickland	3	16	90	3		3	15		32	10	
J. F. Owen	2	49	156	5	2	2	50	2	30	00	
C. A Jackson	3	40		2	2	1	65		79	35	
R. C. Jackson	4	74		11	2		64		71	00	

Statiscal Table 1897.

Churches	Counties	Minute Funds	Pastors Support		Sabbath Schools	Miscellaneous Funds		Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No Members	Increase	Decrease	No. Males	Females	Mission Funds
			$	cents		$	cents											
Prospect.	Harnett	1.00	19	35	14.31	4	00	4	1	5	2	5	121		8	47	74	
Hodges' Chapel.	"	1.30	13	35	.71			14	7	8	1	5	193	3		76	117	
Pleasant Grove.	"	1.00	23	85	1.15	4	03	13	10	3	6	2	147	2		70	77	
Anderson Creek.	"																	
Dunn.	"	2.00	35	00			50	10	10	2	2	1	100	5		45	55	
Lee's Grove.	"	.25	4	05						6	1		41		7	18	23	
Ebenezer.	"																	
Williams' Grove	"	1.08	8	50	3.00	20	00	32	21	1			54	31		28	26	
Weaver's Grove.	"	.25						11					11			3	8	
Long Branch.	Cumberland	1.20	23	80				1		1	1		127		1	58	69	5.00
Colyer's Chapel.	"	1.00	30	00		14	50	14	8	1		1	114	12		47	67	
Hickory Grove.	"	.31						12	9				12					
Shady Grove.	Sampson	4.00	37	85	10.73			7	7	4	15	5	362		17			
Stoney Run.	"	1.50	18	00				14	1	4		4	122		7	49	73	
Lee's Chapel.	"	1.10	8	20				10	5	7	2		72	1		38	34	
Plain View.	"	.85						4	2				39	4		13	26	
Robert's Grove.	"	1.04	16	50	8.40	300	00	16	6			3	52	13		25	27	
Corinth.	"	.90	10	86	5.42	61	09	14	8				45	14		17	28	.60
Zion	"	.16				1	00						8			5	3	
Owen's Grove.	"	.20	5	10				13	6				13			6	7	
Oak Grove	"	1.00	6	25	12.68			21	18				21			9	12	
St. Paul	"	1.00						29					29					
New Hope.	Johnson	1.75	22	00		3	50	9	7		1		86	8		33	53	
Johnson's Union.	"	1.56	8	10	1.41	12	44	8	8	2	1	1	78	4		26	52	
St. Mary's Grove.	"	.50						2			4		25	2		9	16	
Johnson's Chapel	"	1.00	20	00				3	2			1	61	2				
Union Springs	"	.88	8	52		15	00	5	3	2			44	3		18	26	
Hopewell.	"	1.00	12	00						4			36		4	13	23	.81
Bethel.	"	1.00	2	10	1.30						5	1	82		6	25	57	
Beasley Grove.	"	.50											.56					
Mt. Pleasant.	Wake.	.64	3	35				2	1	1	4		52		3			
Wood's Grove.	Wayne.	2.00	50	00	2.13	5	30	34	19	3	2		140	29		50	90	2.07
Casey's Chapel.	"	1.56	24	00	5.00	14	18	2		2	2	2	78		4	29	49	
Hickory Grove.	Robeson.	.50	12	45									28					

Minutes
- Of the -
Forty Fourth Annual Session
- of the -
Cape Fear
Free Will Baptist Conference,
Held With
Colyer's Chapel Church, Cumberland County N.C.

Of~~ficers~~

H. W. Jernigan; Moderator, Dunn, N.C.
Alex Muns. Treasurer. Smithfield. "
J. F. Jackson. Secretary, Timothy, "

The next session will be held with Wood's Grove Church, Wayne County, N.C., beginning on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November 1899. at 12 M

~~Officers~~

Committees.

On Obituaries — R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges. W. A. Colville.
On Ministerial Character — Chairman — S. W. Taylor, Dunn, N.C. A. B. Strickland, Secretary, Smithfield, N.C.; W. J. Jernigan, Alex Muns, W. P. Colyer, and W. A. Colville.

Ordained Ministers.

S. B. Thain,	Glenmore,	N.C.
Robert Strickland.	"	"
J. F. Hill.	Aaron.	"
Lynda Lee.	Giles' Mill.	"
Kenith Reynor.	Red Springs	"
S. Ellis	Clayton	"
R. C. Jackson.	Hawley's Store	"
A. Hodges	Benson	"
J. E. Smith	Myatt's Mills.	"
W. R. Glover.	Little River Academy	"
T. B. Hare	Manchester	"
J. F. Owen	Dunn	"

C. A. Jackson	Dunn.	N.C.
J. M. Lee	Dunn,	N.C.
J. A. Rouse	"	"
Joseph Salmon	Fayetteville	"
H. W. Jernigan	Dunn,	"
J. W. Lucas.	"	"
J. L. Ennis	Key	"
L. E. Johnson	Saulston	"
Wm. J. Jernigan	Dunn	"
H. H. Goff.	Dunn.	"
T. M. Pope	Dunn	"
Hannibal Pope	"	"
J. H. Faircloth	Buckhorn	"
D. R. Stafford	Four Oaks.	"
J. W. Moore	Four Oaks	"

Licentiates

Richard Hobson, W. R. Langley, A. B. Guy, Daniel Faircloth, D. R. Jones, R. W. Bass, W. W. Capps.

Ordaining Council,

Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, and Robert Strickland

Proceedings of the Cape Fear Conference, Held at Colyer's Chapel Church, Cumberland County, N.C

First Day,— November 3. 1898

The congregation assembles in the church at 12 m.

Prayer is offered by Elder R. C. Jackson. Elder J. L. Ennis, who was elected to preach the introductory sermon, was present and preached from Ephesians 3: 14–15. "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the family in heaven and earth is named." After an intermission of fifty minutes, Conference reassembles and proceeds to enroll those entitled to membership.

Officers.

H. W. Jernigan, Moderator; Alex Munn, Treasurer; J. F. Jackson, Secretary.

Committees

On Obituaries – R.C. Jackson J.A. Hodges,
On Ministerial Character – C.M. Core, A.W. Gregory,
On Ministerial Labor – J.W. Taylor, W.J. Jernigan, Alex Muns, W.P. Colyer.

Ordained Ministers – Lunda Lee, J.S. Ellis, R.C. Jackson, J.A. Hodges, J.E. Smith W.B. Hare, J.F. Owen, C.A. Jackson, J.A. Rouse, H.W. Jernigan, J.W. Lucas, J.L. Ennis, L.E. Johnson, H.H. Goff, J.F. Hill, Joseph Salmon, Robt Strickland, W.R. Glover, S.B. Thain, J.W. Moore, J.M. Lee, Kenith Reynor,

Ordaining Council – Lunda Lee, R.C. Jackson, Robert Strickland,

Licentiates.

Richard Hobson, W.R. Langley, A.B. Guy, Hannibal Pope, J.H. Faircloth, D.R. Stafford W.M. Pope, Daniel Faircloth, G.A. Pope, D.R. Jones.

Churches and Delegates.

Prospect – C.L. Avery J.L. Byrd,
Colyer's Chapel – N.B. Norris, E.W. Parker, J.E. Lucas,
Pleasant Grove – A.S. Lucas.
Hodges' Chapel – J.R. Strickland, R.C. Pool.
Long Branch – Z. Taylor, J.M. Wade, L.W. Tart.
Shady Grove – W.A. Jackson, J.E. Wilson, W.B. Dudley.

Stony Run – Nathan Barefoot, W.E. Jernigan, W.C. Jernigan,
New Hope – J.B. Jernigan, S.J. Thain, W.B. Strickland.
Johnston Union – By Letter,
St Mary's Grove – Not Represented,
Johnston's Chapel – W.H. Barbour, Lemuel Hardy, L.M. Capps
Union Springs – W.H. Gregory, A.J. Gregory,
Wood's Grove – J.L. Alphin,
Casey's Chapel – I. Grant,
Bethel – Not represented,
Anderson Creek – Richard Hobson,
Hopewell – Alex Muns, L.A. Thompson, E.E. Parker,
Dunn – J.F. Taylor W.F. Gainey, G.W. Wade.
Lee's Chapel – S.W. Williford, Milton Lee L.R. Holland,
New Zealand – M.F. Blackman, N.T. Altman, G.A. Altman,
Bailey's Grove – J.A. Johnson,
Lee's Grove – Not represented,
Ebenezer – By letter,

Williams' Grove – A. B. Guy. A. A. Beasly. Sandy Stewart,

Plainview – R. W. Bass, J. E. Jones M. B. Teer,
Robert's Grove – W. H. Capps, J. T. W. Edwards. P. T. Jackson,
Corinth – J. C. Smith, J. R. Phillips.
Owens Grove – Ammma Pope, W. M. Simmons, D. L. Owens,
Oak Grove – Verbal,
St. Paul – O. B. Warren, F. M. Dameron, B. J. Daughtry.
Hickory Grove – (Roberson County) K. W. Jackson, Isham Jackson, Wiley Bell,
Weaver's Grove – W. J. Mitchel.
Western Conference – J. W. Fuquay.
S. C. Conference – W. P. Gause,
Central Conference – W. H. Frost.
Fort Run – D. K. Jones N. H. Goff.
Yelvington's Grove – Thomas Godwin, W. H. Godwin,
Hickory Grove – (Cumberland County) J. H. Faircloth.

Enrollment of Newly Ordained.

On motion Elder N. H. Goff is enrolled as a member of this body from Fort Run Church.

Enrollment of Licentiates.

On motion Bros. R. W. Bass. W. H. Capps. and W. E. Jernigan are enrolled as licentiates.

Petitionary Letters.

The following is a list of the new churches admitted as members of this Conference:

Fort Run, Green County, N.C.; formerly belonged to the Eastern Conference.

Yelvington's Grove, Johnston County, N.C., organized by Elders C. A. Jackson and J. A. Hodges.

New Zeland, Johnston County, N.C., organized by Eld. Linda Lee

Appointment of Committees.

Finance – J. T. W. Edwards, W. E. Jernigan, Milton Lee,
Religious Exercises – N. B. Norris J. H. Taylor, J. E. Wilson.

Visiting Brethren.

The hand of fellowship is extended to Rev. C. C. King, of The Western Conference, and Rev. David Pate of the PeeDee Association, who are entitled to all the privileges of

Conference, save that of voting.

On the second day, November 4, the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to Revs. W. W. Avant, of Pee Dee Association and P. T. Lucas, of the Western Conference, who are given the same privileges as those above.

Assistant Officers.

The Moderator calls to his assistance Elder Lunda Lee.
The Secretary calls to assistance Bro. F. M. Dameron.

Reports.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-night at 7:30. Elder L. E. Johnson opens followed by Elder H. N. Goff. To-morrow, at 10:30, Rev. C. C. King, followed by Rev. W. P. Gause.

The different churches make their reports.

On motion by Bro. W. J. Jernigan, Conference adjourns until to-morrow morning 9:30.

Prayer, Elder J. L. Ennis.

Second Day. Nov. 4.

According to adjournment, Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 a.m. Religious exercises are conducted by Elder J. F. Hill. Roll is called 57 members answer. Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion by Rev. C. A. Jackson, Bro. D. R. Jones, from Ft. Run Church, Green County, is enrolled as a licentiate.

On motion by Elder Lunda Lee, the church of Zion, Sampson County, is discontinued from the Minutes.

On motion by Elder R. C. Jackson, resolution offered by Bro. W. A. Jackson is received for discussion and adopted. (See Resolution)

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preac this afternoon at 2 o'clock, Elder C. A. Jackson, followed by Rev. P. T. Lucas. To-night at 7:30, Elder Robert Strickland, followed by Rev. W. W. Avant.

Conference adjourns 50 minutes for dinner.

At 1:30 Conference re-assembles, and resumes busine under the head of Resolutions.

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon resolution offered by Elder Jno. L. Ennis amending Article 5 of the Constitution is adopted. (See Resolution)

Resolution by Elder J.W. Lucas recommending the discontinuance of fermented wine in the communion services is adopted. (See Resolution)

Resolution offered by Bro. Z. Taylor repealing the resolutions creating a committee of five to regulate the work of the ministry is taken up and discussed by Elder R.C. Jackson, Bro. D.R. Jones, Bro. Z. Taylor, Rev. W.W. Avant, J.W. Taylor and others. By vote the resolution is lost by a vote of 48 to 41.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-morrow at 10:30. Elder Lunda Lee, followed by Elds J.F. Hill.

Conference adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9:30. Prayer by Elder Joseph Salmon.

Third Day. Nov. 5.

According to adjournment, Conference is called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 a.m.

Religious exercises are conducted by Rev. J.W. Fuquay.

Roll is called and 89 members answer.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion by Elder W.R. Glover resolution offered by Bro. F.M. Dameron is adopted. (See Resolutions)

On motion by Bro. Z. Taylor resolution offered by Bro. J.E. Wilson is received for discussion and adopted. (See Resolutions)

The Moderator appoints as a committee to carry into effect the above resolution Elders R.C. Jackson, J.A. Hodges, J.F. Hill, and Bros. J.E. Wilson and W.H. Gregory.

Conference adjourns one hour for dinner.

At 1:30 Conference reassembles and resumes business under the head of Resolutions.

Resolution offered by Bro A.W. Gregory is adopted by motion of Elder J.F. Owen.

Resolution offered by Bro. A.W. Gregory concerning the amending of the resolutions regulating the work of the ministry is lost.

The Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach to-morrow at 10:30 a.m. Rev. W.H. Frost, followed by Elder R.C. Jackson

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon, the report of the Committee appointed to sell or dispose of New Chapel Church is adopted and Committee discharged (See Report)

On motion by Bro Nathan Barefoot, the report of Committee appointed to examine Book of Records is adopted and Committee discharged. (See Report)

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon, report of Committee on Ministerial Labor concerning filling vacancies is adopted. (See Report)

On motion by Bro. I.E. Jones, the report of Committee on Ministerial Character is adopted. (See report)

On motion by Bro. A.W. Gregory, Conference dispenses reading the reports of the ministers.

On motion by Elder John L. Ennis, report of the Minister's Meeting is ordered to be copied in a condensed form.

On motion by Bro. W.R. Jones, the resignation of Bro. W.J. Jernigan as one of the Committee on Ministerial Labor is accepted.

Bro. A.W. Gregory is elected on the Committee of Ministerial Labor to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Bro. G.B. Strickland.

Bro. J.L. Alphin is elected on the Committee of Ministerial Labor to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bro. W.J. Jernigan.

On motion by Elder John L. Ennis, the report of Sunday School Convention is adopted. (See Report).

On motion by Bro. Nathan Barefoot, the report of Finance Committee is adopted and Committee discharged. (See Report)

On motion by Elder J.F. Owen, the next Sunday School Convention will be held with the church at Roberts Grove, Sampson County, on Saturday before the first Sunday in Oct. 1899.

On motion by Elder C.A. Jackson, the Secretary is ordered to have 800 copies of the proceedings of this body printed and distribute them as follows: South Carolina Conference

25 copies; Central Conference, 25 copies; Eastern Conference, 25 copies; Western Conference, 25 copies; Pee Dee Association, 25 copies, and distribute the ballance among the churches of this Conference in proportion to the amount of minute funds.

On motion by Bro. D.R. Jones, the Secretary is allowed $10.00 for preparing the manuscript and that he be allowed the privilege of getting the work done where he can get the best minutes for the least money.

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon, the report of the Ordaining Council is adopted. (See Report).

On motion by Elder Joseph Salmon, the report of Committee appointed to fix boundary line between the Cape Fear Conference and the Southern Cape Fear Conference is adopted. (See Report)

On motion by Bro. D.R. Jones, the next session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held with the church at Wood's Grove Wayne County, N.C. Wood's Grove is about eight miles north east of Goldsboro.

Pleasant Grove and Shady Grove petition for the first session of the Southern Cape Fear Conference.

By vote the first session of the Southern Cape Fear Conference will be held with the church at Pleasant Grove, Harnett County, N.C. Pleasant Grove is about 3½ miles West of Dunn N.C.

On motion the Southern Cape Fear Conference convenes Thursday before the Second Sunday in October 1899. at 12 M.

Elections.

The following are the officers elected for the Cape Fear Conference for years 1899 and 1900:

Moderator, N.W. Jernigan, Dunn, N.C.
Treasurer, Alex Muns, Smithfield, N.C.
Secretary, W. H. Gregory, Barclaysville, N.C.

The following are the officers elected for the Southern Cape Fear Conference for the years 1899 and 1900.

Moderator, C. A. Jackson, Dunn N.C.
Treasurer, J.E. Wilson, Bass. N.C.
Secretary, J. F. Jackson, Clinton, N.C.

On motion by Bro. Nathan Barefoot, the report of Committee on Ministerial Labor is adopted. (See Report)

On motion by Bro. W. H. Gregory, a vote of thanks is tendered the people of this community for their kindness and hospitality.

Elder J. F. Hill is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon for the Cape Fear Conference, Elder J. A. Hodges is elected his alternate.

Elder R. C. Jackson is elected to preach the Introductory Sermon for the Southern Cape Fear Conference, Elder C. A. Jackson is elected his alternate.

The Moderator appoints the following delegates to the different Conferences,

Western Conference - Elder L. E. Johnson,
Central Conference - Bro. D. R. Jones and Elder H. H. Goff,
Eastern Conference - Elder H. H. Goff,

On motion by Bro. I. W. Taylor Elder H. W. Jernigan is elected a delegate to the South Carolina Conference.

On motion the Churches are requested to send up a fund to defray the expenses of the delegates to the different Conferences,

On motion by Elder R. C. Jackson, resolution offered by Bro. W. H. Gregory is tabled.

On motion by Elder J. F. Owen, the pastors of the different churches request their congregations to set apart the last day of December of each year from 12 M. to midnight in fasting, prayer and thanksgiving.

On motion the Treasurer is ordered to pay over to Elder R. C. Jackson the miscellaneous funds to defray his expenses to the S. C. Conference.

On motion of Elder Joseph Salmon the time of handing in the report of the Committee on revising the Discipline is extended till next Conference.

On motion by Bro. G. W. Wade, Conference adjourns. Prayer is offered by Elder P. T. Lucas.

H. W. Jernigan, Mod.
Lunda Lee Ass't Mod.

J. F. Jackson Sec.
F. M. Cameron, Reading Clk

Reports.

Committee on Boundaries— We, the committee appointed to draw up the boundary lines for division of the Cape Fear Conference, beg leave to submit the following reports:

After careful consideration we make the dividing line as follows: Beginning at Raleigh south with the stage road to B Turlington, thence with the Dunn and Lillington road to Dunn, N.C., thence with the Goldsboro and Averasboro road to the Wayne County line, thence with the Wayne County line to the W & W. R.R. and with said road south as far as the bounds of Conference extends. The churches organized west and south of these boundaries we name the Southern Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference.

We except Mt. Pleasant Church which we place in the new Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. Hill, Chrm,
J. A. Hodges.
J. E. Wilson
R. C. Jackson
W. H. Gregory, Sec } Com.

Committee on Ministerial Labor— We assign as follows:

Prospect— H. W. Jernigan
Hodges Chapel— Robt. Strickland and Mission Work
Pleasant Grove— J. E. Smith and Mission Work,
Anderson Creek— W. R. Glover and Mission Work.
Dunn— R. C. Jackson
Ebenezer— W. B. Hare and Mission Work.
Williams Grove— H. W. Jernigan,
Weavers Grove— Hannibal Pope and Mission Wor
Long Branch— Lunda Lee,
Colyer's Chapel— C. A. Jackson
Hickory Grove (Cumb County)— Joseph Salmon and Mission Wo
Shady Grove— H. W. Jernigan.
Stoney Run— J. A. Rouse and Mission Work.
Lee's Chapel— L. E. Tomlinson and Mission Work.

Plainview R. C. Jackson.

Robert's Grove - Linda Lee
Corinth - W. M. Pope and mission Work.
Owen's Grove - J. F. Owen.
Oak Grove - J. L. Ennis and Mission Work.
St. Paul - R. C. Jackson and D. R. Stafford.
New Hope - J. L. Ennis and Mission Work.
Linston Union - H. H. Goff and mission Work.
St. Mary's Grove - W. M. Pope and Mission Work.
Johnston's Chapel - J. W. Lucas and mission Work.
Union Springs - C. A. Jackson
Hopewell - J. M. Lee and mission Work.
Beasley's Grove - J. A. Hodges and mission work.
Mt. Pleasant - Robt Strickland and mission work.
Wood's Grove - J. F. Owen.
Casey's Chapel - J. F. Hill.
Hickory Grove - (Robes. County) Kenith Reynor & J. H. Faircloth.
Ft. Run L. E. Johnson and J. F. Hill.
Yelvington's Grove - C. A. Jackson.
New Zealand - L. Lee and H. Pope.

Bethel - W. J. Jernigan.

S. H. Taylor Chr.
A. W. Gregory - Sec.

Ministers Meeting.

Report of the Ministers Meeting, held in Dunn N.C. July 30, 1898:
Moderator - J. F. Hill, Sec - A. W. Gregory.
Object stated by R. C. Jackson.
Object: That the ministry may be a unit in promoting the Kingdom of Christ.

Appointment of Committees.

On Arrangement - H. W. Jernigan, Robt. Strickland and J. F. Owen.
On Constitution and Rules of Government Linda Lee, H. W. Jernigan and Robt Strickland.
Committee on arrangement reported rules of order the same as conference rules of order, striking out articles 4, 5, 6, 9.

Ordained Ministers Present 15;

Licentiates 9. Visitors - W. H. Avant, Evangelist Mattie Perry - Lecturer.

Addresses.

H. W. Jernigan; Subject - "Christian Alliance and Mission";
W. H. Avant; Subject - "Mission Work".
J. F. Hill; Subject - "Experience in the Ministry and Holiness"
R. C. Jackson; Subject - "Spread of the Gospel",
Mattie Perry; Subject - "Divine Healing".

Several others made talks on the subject of "Equalizing the work of the ministry"

Finance Committee,

We, the finance Committee submit the following report. We find th in the hands of Treasurer;

For Minutes -	$3607
Miscellaneous -	$ 662
Mission	$ 403
Total	$4671

Respectfully Submitted,
J. T. W. Edwards,
H. E. Jernigan,
Milton Lee, Com.

Ordaining Council.

We, the ordaining council, beg leave to submit the following report; We have duly examined the following applicants for ordination, namely, W. M. Pope, Hannibal Pope, H. J. Jernigan, J. H. Faircloth and D. R. Stafford and found them orthodox in the faith and ordained them to the full work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. Jackson,
Linda Lee,
Robert Strickland.
Ordaining C

Book of Records.

We, the Committee appointed to examine the Book of Records and report to the Secretary in order that the laws necessary to govern the workings of this body, submit the following report: That we examined said book and reported to the Sec. accordingly.

Respectfully submitted
R. C. Jackson
J. A. Hodges
Lenda Lee
Com.

Committee on Ministerial Labor, Filling Vacancies.

We, the Com. on ministerial Labor, submit the following report: On account of sickness we filled the place of Bro. Hill at Hopewell with Bro. Owen. for same Cause we filled Bro. Hill's place with Bro. R. C. Jackson. We filled the place of Bro. Ellis at Union Springs with Bro. J. W. Lucas. The churches have all had regularly preaching so far as we know.

Respectfully
J. W. Taylor,
W. J. Jernigan,
W. P. Colier,
Com.

Committee to Dispose of New Chapel Church.

We, the Committee appointed by this Conference at last session to sell or dispose of New Chapel Church property, beg leave to submit the following report: We find upon investigation that the Church at New Chapel denies having disbanded, and they called Bro. J. S. Ellis to preach for them this year, but later they denied him the privilege of preaching there and we understand they have united with the Western Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Hodges
J. S. Ellis,
D. R. Stafford
Com.

Committee on Ministerial Character,

We the Committee on Ministerial Character submit the following: We find or know nothing derogatory to the Christian Character or to the work of the ministers of Conference.

Respectfully submitted
H. W. Gregory,
C. M. Core, Com.

Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday School Convention met at the appointed time and place. There being no officers of the convention present, the President pro tem, of last year called the Convention to order and was by motion made President for the day. The President called on Bro. W. A. Stewart to keep a minute of the day. After the necessary arrangements were made the different classes arranged themselves, and after offering prayer, proceeded to sing according to the programme. Number of classes present 9; number of reports, 5.

We asked the pastors of the different Churches to lecture some time during the year on the subject of Sunday Schools, and ask the Schools to send in reports.

Respectfully
W. A. Jackson,
Pres. Pro Tem.

Resolutions.

Resolution by N. W. Colville as amended by H. W. Gregory, 1

Believing that the interest of the churches demand, it i in order to extend the bounds of Conference; Therefore, be it Resolved That the Committee of five equalizing the work of the ministry be elected every two years as other officers are now elected by the body.

Resolution by W. A. Jackson 1898.

Resolved, That no class be allowed to sing in Sunday School Convention unless it brings a report of its work during the year.

Resolution by John L. Ennis 1898.

Resolved, That Art. 5, of the Constitution b the same is, hereby, amended, to read as follows:

"The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon the duties of said offices.

Resolution by J. W. Lucas, 1898:

Resolved, That this Conference recommend the discontinuance of fermented or intoxicating wine, and the fruit of the vine be used in the sacramental services in the local churches of the Cape Fear Conference.

Resolution by J. E. Wilson, 1898:

Owing to the extensiveness of the Cape Fear Conference and its extreme boundaries, we think it every way better for a mutual division for the convenice of the Conference churches: therefore, be it resolved,

First. That this body appoint a committee to draw up the boundary lines and report at the sitting of this Conference of proposed mutual divisions,

Second, Said Committee shall bring in a name for that group of churches to be organized into a new Conference.

Resolution by F. M. Dameron, 1898:

Seeing the necessity of knowing the value of the church property belonging to the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference, be it, therefore, resolved,

First. That the clerk of each local church be requested to state the aggregate value of their Church property each year in their church letter.

Second, That the Sec. shall make up the total aggreg of said churches and state same on each minute.

Order of Business for 1899.

1. Introductory Sermon by J. F. Hill.
2. Enrollment of Those Entitled to Membership.
3. Organization.
4. Enrollment of New Ordained Ministers.
5. Enrollment of Licentiates.
6. Call for Petitionary Letters.

7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Hand of Fellowships to Visiting Brethren
9. Reports from Churches,
10. Resolutions.
11. Reports from Committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

Sabbath School Report

Name of School,	Superintendent	Members on Roll.	no. Members Belonging to Church.	No. Joined Church from S. School.	Paid for Literature.	Average Attend.	Miscellaneous Funds.
Bethel	W.B. Strickland	67	15		$1.50	32	$1.00
Hodges' Chapel,	J.W. Whittenton	36			.94		
Shady Grove	L.W. Warren,	98	75	1	$8.60	50	
New Hope	W.B. Strickland	86	50		$3.00	32	$8.00
Roberts Grove,	S.F. Jackson	95	38	2	$2.55	51	$8.25
Total		382	178	3	$16.59	165	$17.25

The next session of the Sabbath School Convention will be held with the Church at Robert's Grove, Sampson county, on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1899.

Pastors' Reports

Ministers	Churches Served	Members Received	Sermons Preached	Funerals	S.S. Lectures	Married	Days in Revivals	Churches Organized	Amount Received	Deacons Ordained
J. W. Lucas	3	2	110		2	4	16		$14.65	2
W. R. Glover			75	2		1			$25.00	
J. M. Lee	2	1		2	2	3	15		$30.30	
Joseph Salmon	2		186						$41.46	
W. B. Hare	1		85			2	36		$20.50	
J. F. Owen	4	37	150	7		7	40		$50.00	3
H. W. Jernigan	4	11	92		3					2
J. L. Ennis										
Robert Strickland	2	14	90	2		2	30		$43.00	2
C. E. Johnson			140	3		1			$3.00	
J. F. Hill	4	18	75	5	3	8	34		$23.47	
R. C. Jackson	3	76					35		$45.00	
C. H. Jackson	3	36	151	2	2		64	1	$128.50	1
Total	28	195	1154	23	12	28	270	1	424.88	10

Statistical Table

Churches	Counties	Minute Funds	Pastor's Support	Sabbath Schools	Miscellaneous Funds	Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Number of Members	Increase	Decrease	No. of Males	No. of Females	Mission Funds
Prospect	Harnett	$1.00	$11 60	4.80	$6.70	1		42		1	78		41			$10.00
Hodge's Chapel	"	1.15	14 05		4.40	10	3	5	3	1	176		17	62	114	
Pleasant Grove	"	1.10	15 28	1.60	205.00	5	4		1	1	139	3		60	79	
Anderson Creek	"	.50	60					1	1		53			21	32	
Dunn	"	1.60		6.00	1.00	4	4	1	2		98	1		44	54	
Lee's Grove	"															
Ebenezer	"	.25	10 35					1			18					
William's Grove	"	.80	7 00		15.00	1	1	12	2		40		13	14	26	
Weaver's Grove	"	.30	5 00			4	2		2		13	2		4	9	
Long Branch	Cumberland	1.35	34 05			1	1	4		1	123		4	46	77	
Colyer's Chapel	"	1.00	25 00	4.50	37.05	2		1		1	114			40	74	$7.50
Hickory Grove	"	.10				1		1			13			11	2	
Shady Grove	Sampson	3.50	24 25	8.60	10.00	3	1	2	2	8	351		9	145	206	
Stony Run	"	1.30	18 00	3.50		4	4	3	5	1	117		5	45	72	
Lee's Chapel	"	1.10	6 10	3.15		2		1			78	1		41	37	
Plain View	"	1.36	15 00	7.00		29	11		2		.68	27				
Robert's Grove	"	1.22	8 15	10.62	.62	8	2				61	8		32	29	
Corinth	"	.90	3.50	2.35	5.50	3	3	1			46	2		17	29	
Owen's Grove	"	.30	8.90		100.00	24	10				37	24		18	19	
Oak Grove	"	1.00														
St. Paul	"	1.35	30 00		300.65	36					65	36				
New Hope	Johnston	1.50	14 20	8.00	1.86	4		6			78	[illegible]	2	36	42	$1.00
Johnson's Union	"	1.16	20 00			8	4			1	91	7		27	64	
St. Mary's Grove	"															
Johnson's Chapel	"	1.00	7 05	4.00		1				1	42			16	26	
Union Springs	"	.88	12 50			1				1	44			18	26	
Hopewell	"	1.00	25 00			5	3				41	5		16	25	
Bethel	"															
Beasley's Grove	"	.50	15 75					1	3	1	48		5	15	33	
Yelvington's Grove	"	.25									10					
New Zealand	"	.50									14					
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	1.10	4 85			2	1	1	3		41		1	9	32	
Wood's Grove	Wayne	3.00	50 00	2.00	133.65	14	7			2	154	12		58	96	$1.37
Casey's Chapell	"	1.50	17 00	7.00	10.35	2		6			76		4	25	51	
Hickory Grove	Roberson	.50	15 84			8	1				36	8		16	20	
Fort Run	Green	2.00	55 00								110			43	67	$2.55
Total		$36.07	$473.82	$75.12	$842.72	183	62	89	26	20	2473	137	101	889	1341	$12.52

Minutes of the Forty fifth annual session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist held with Woods' Grove Church Wayne Co. N.C. Nov 2 3 & 4 1899-

Officers, H. W. Jernigan Moderator Dunn N.C.
" Alex. Munns Treasurer Smithfield N.C.
W. H. Gregory Secretary Angier N.C.

Committees,

On Obituaries, — R. C. Jackson, J. A. Hodges & W. A. Colville.
On Ministerial Character, — C. M. Core, W. H. Avery & A. W. Gregory

Ordained Ministers.

S. B. Thain	Glenmore,	N.C.
Robert Strickland	"	" "
J. T. Hill	Aaron,	" "
Lemda Lee	Giles' Mills	" "
J. S. Ellis	Clayton	" "
R. Raynor	Red Springs	" "
R. C. Jackson	Hawleys Store	" "
J. A. Hodges	Benson	" "
W. B. Hare	Manchester	" "
L. E. Johnson	Saulston	" "
H. W. Jernigan	Dunn	" "
J. F. Owen	"	" "
C. A. Jackson	"	" "
J. M. Lee	"	" "
J. W. Lucas	"	" "
S. A. Rouse	"	" "
W. M. Pope	"	" "
Hannibal Pope	"	" "
G. A. Pope	"	" "
W. J. Jernigan	"	" "
H. H. Goff	Shine.	" "
J. L. Ennis	Key.	" "
E. L. Parker	Clinton	" "
D. R. Stafford	Four Oaks	" "
Richard Bass	———	" "

Licentiates — W. R. Langley, J. D. Avera D. R. Jones. R. H. Bass Henry Hadley N. B. Strickland E. F. Edwards

daining Council — Lemda Lee, R. C. Jackson & Robert Stricklan

Proceedings. Woods Grove Church Wayne Co. N.C.

Thursday November 2, 1899

The congregation assembled at the Church at 12, m

Introductory remarks and prayer led by Elder R. C. Jackson

Elder J. F. Hill, who was elected at last conference proceeds and preaches the Introductory sermon from II Chronicles 29 ch. and a part of the 11th verse "My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before Him."

Intermission thirty minutes.

Conference assembles at 1.45 P.M. and proceeds to enroll the names of those entitled to membership.

Officers, N. W. Jernigan Moderator; A. Munn, Treasurer, W. H. Gregory, Secretary.

Committees.

On Obituaries — Eld. R. C. Jackson, W. A. Colville

On Ministerial Character — W. H. Avery C. M. Core and A. W. Gregory.

On Ministerial Labor — Alex Munn J. L. Atkins, A. W. Gregory and W. A. Colville

Ordained Ministers

Robert Strickland, J. F. Hill, Lunda Lee, J. S. Ellis R. C. Jackson C. A. Jackson N. W. Jernigan H. H. Goff Hannibal Pope, D. R. Stafford, J. F. Owen J. H. Ennis, W. M. Pope,

Licentiates — D. R. Jones, R. H. Bass Henry Dudley N. B. Strickland, E. F. Edwards.

Ordaining Council, Robert Strickland, Lunda Lee R. C. Jackson

Delegates.

Prospect — C. L. Avery
Hodges Chapel — J. M. McLamb,
Dunn — Charley Guy, T. L. Jones.
Pleasant Grove none
Anderson Creek — none
Lee's Grove, none
Ebenezer none
Williams Grove — Sandy Stewart
Weavers' Grove — [illegible]

Long Branch - J M Wade, Willie Warren;
Colvers Chapel —
Hickory Grove (Cumb. Co.) —
Shady Grove - J. E. Wilson, J. L. Wooten, W. A. Blackman.
Stony Run - N. T. Barefoot, Nathan Barefoot
Lee's Chapel - S. W. Williford, J. E. Jackson, A. M. Holland
Plainview - R. C. Bass, I. E. Jones
Roberts' Grove - W. F. Hudson S. F. Jackson, J. T. Warren
Corinth - E. A. Strickland D. F. Blue
Owens' Grove - E. F. Edwards Anna Pope
L. L. Owen.
Oak Grove - Lovett Warren E. M. Tart.
St. Paul - J. M Britt, F. M. Dameron, J. O. Fleming
New Hope - R H Allen, W. A. Massengill.
Johnston Union - D. S. Parrish, W. R. Parrish, W. H. Avery
St. Mary's Grove - J. R. Benson
Johnson's Chapel - Lemmel Hardy, J. H. Stephenson
J. R. Johnson.
Union Springs - S. H. Davis.
Hakeiwell - D. C. Johnson D. A. Thompson
Bethel - J. R. Massengill, E. M. Temple
Beasley Grove -
Yelvington's Grove - T. G. Godwin, B. D. Simons
W. H. Godwin.
New Zealand - M. F. Blackman W. J. Johnson
Mount Pleasant - J. A. Blalock.
Wood's Grove - J. J. Roberts, E. E. Futrel, J. A. Thomas
Casey's Chapel - J. F. Casey, Richard Anderson
Hickory Grove - (Robeson Co.) By Letter.
Fort Run - J. T. Howell, J. B. Goff W. G. Ginn

By motion the order of business is suspended and the moderator the following special committees:

On religious exercises. Brethren J. J. Roberts, N. T. Barefoot and I. E. Jones.

On Finance, Brethren J. A. Blalock W. F. Hudson and J. E. Jackson

On Boundaries. Brethren J. T. Warren R. H. Allen and Lemmel Hardy

Assistant Officers.

The moderator calls Eld. C.A. Jackson as assistant moderator

The secretary calls Bro C.L. Avery to his assistance

Newly ordained ministers.

The names of Elders G.A. Pope, Richard Dees and E.L. Parker are enrolled as newly ordained ministers.

Petitionary Letters.

By motion the following churches are received by letter into this body and the hand of fellowship extended their respective delegates as follows

Salemburg –
Oak Grove; – Lenoir Co., Seth Dawson, Joseph Coates.
Saints Delight – H. W. Dudley
Bethlehem – W.H. Walters W. F. Philips Ilonk Walters
Zoar – G.M. Cooper, Erastus Cooper, Alex. Jackson.
Lebanon – N. E. Peterson =
North East – J. F. Outen, Willie Cavenaugh.

Visiting Brethren,

Elder S.J. Halstead of the Central Conference; Elders J. M Barfield and A.E. Rouse of the Eastern Conference and Elder J.J. Baggett of the S.C. Conference, were extended the hand of fellowship and welcomed to seats with the body.

Reports from the Churches are withheld until to-morrow.

Committee on religious exercises report, "Preach to-night at 7:30 Elder Hannibal Pope, Tomorrow at 10:30 A.M. Eld Robert Strickland open; Eld A.E. Rouse preach.

On motion by Bro. L.R. Jones, Conference adjourns till to-morrow morning at 9:30

Prayer; led by Elder Linda Lee.

Second Day. –

November 3, 1899.

Conference meets at 9:30 and is called

to order by the moderator.

Religious Exercises are conducted by Elder Halstead.

Roll is called and 80 members answer there being two absentees.

Minutes of yesterday and of the Call Conference held at Dunn, N.C., are each read and approved.

Reports from the Churches are recieved, and the letters are read to the Conference.

✓ [By motion, the church at Lee's Grove is allowed to disband by their request and permission is given the membership to unite with sister Church]

A fine of ten cents is collected from each of the absentees.

The hand of fellowship is extended to Rev. F.D. Swindell, of the M.E. Church; [South.] Rev. W.C. Newton, of the Missionary Baptist Church, and Eld. C.D. Howell of the Western Conference, and they are welcomed to seats with us.

By motion of Eld. R.C. Jackson the rules of order are suspended and a resolution is offered by Elder Jackson which is unanimously adopted. (See resolutions.)

The Secretary is instructed to furnish the Free Will Baptist and The Christian Advocate, with copies of the resolution for publication.

An intermission of fifty minutes is given, for dinner.

Conference reassembles at 1.30 P.M. Prayer by Elder Goff.

Committee on Religious exercises report: To preach at 2: P.M. Elder J.L. Ennis open services; Elder Robert Strickland preach.
At Woods Grove to-night at 7. Elder Halstead

at Casey's Chapel to night at 7: Elder Goff at Hill Church to night at 7: Elder Stafford

Elder D. Davis, delegate from the Western Conference, is welcomed to a seat in this body.

Resolution offered by Elders Robert Strickland and R. C. Jackson is received for discussion. Tabled.

Resolution by Elder R. C. Jackson repealing the law creating the Committee on Ministerial Labor is received and after discussion by Elders Jackson, Halstead, Jernigan, Hill and Brethren J. J. Roberts, D. R. Jones, J. W. Taylor [illegible] [illegible] and others, was [illegible].

Elder [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Committee on Preaching [illegible] report: To preach to morrow at 11:30 a.m. Elder C. C. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Elder [illegible] [illegible] preach.

On motion by Elder Hill, Conference adjourns until to-morrow morning 9:30. [illegible] prayer, [illegible] Elder [illegible].

Third Day.

Saturday, November 4, 189

Conference opens according to adjournment at 9:30. Religious Exercises conducted by Elder [illegible].

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Rev. N. C. [illegible] [illegible] M. E. Church, South, Elder J. T. [illegible], of [illegible] [illegible] Conference, and [illegible] [illegible] of the Central Conference are welcomed to seats in this body.

Resolution by [illegible] [illegible] in regard to Sunday School Convention is received and adopted

Report of the Examining Council is received and adopted. See Report.

Petitionary Letters.— The following churches are received and represented by their respective pastors as follows:

Union Center – Elder Robert Strickland
[illegible] Chapel – Elder J. R. Stafford
Piniah – Elder E. L. Parker
[illegible] Cross Roads – Elder E. L. Parker

Resolution by Bro. J. R. Jones in regard to missions is received and unanimously adopted. See Resolutions.

By motion the Moderator appoints Elders R. C. Jackson, E. L. Parker, and Bro. [illegible] a Committee to solicit pledges for missions to be reported at next Annual Conference.

By motion the ministers who failed to attend the last ministers meeting, are excused.

Conference adjourns fifty minutes for dinner.

Conference re-assembles at 1:15. Prayer led by Elder Johnson.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Character, is received and adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach this evening at 2, Elder Goff, followed by Elder J. H. Harley; To-night at 7: Eld. [illegible] Jernigan [illegible]; Eld. R. C. Jackson preach; Sunday morning at 10, Eld. G. W. Comer, followed by Eld. E. L. Parker. At 1, P.M. Eld. W. H. Frost followed by Eld. R. C. Jackson.

Resolution by Bro. [illegible] is received for discussion. Resolution laid.

Resolution by Bro. [illegible] is received and adopted. [illegible]

By motion Bro. L. L. Powell's name is [illegible]

Report of Elder R. C. Jackson in regard to printing Discipline is received and adopted. (See Resolutions)

Report of the Committee on Revision of the Discipline is received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial [illegible] is received and adopted.

Report of the Sunday School Convention is received and adopted.

By motion, the moderator appoints Elder E. L. Parker to prepare the revised Discipline for the Press, have 3000 copies printed in pamphlet form and deliver them to the moderator for disposal.

A collection is taken and fund raised to defray the cost of printing the Discipline.

By motion of Elder R. C. Jackson amended by Elder Rice, the secretary has 1000 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed, draws on the Treasurer for payment for same, and is allowed $10.00 for his services.

By motion the moderator appoints Bro D. R. Jones and Elder L. E. Johnson delegates to the next session of the Central Conference; Elders J. J. Rice and R. C. Jackson delegates to the Western Conference; Elders A. W. Jernigan and C. A. Jackson to the Eastern, and Elder E. L. Parker to the South Carolina Conference.

By motion, Elder Goff is allowed $5.00 expenses to the Union Conference.

By motion of Eld. R. C. Jackson the time of holding the Annual Ministers Meeting is changed to Friday [illegible] [illegible] fourth Sunday in June at 11 A. M.

Report of the Finance Committe is received and Committee discharged. See report.

Petitions for the next Sunday School Convention are received from Johnson's Chapel and Lee's Chapel. By vote it is decided that the next Sunday School Convention be held at Johnson's Chapel on Saturday before the first Sunday in October 1900.

Petitions for the next session of Conference are received from Shady Grove and Long Branch.

By vote it is decided that the next session of Conference be held with Shady Grove Church, Sampson Co. N.C.

By motion of Bro. Sandy Stewart a vote of thanks is tendered Woods' Grove Church and community for kindness and hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

By motion of Elder [illegible] Conference adjourns to meet at Shady Grove Church Sampson Co. N.C., on Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1900.

Closing remarks and prayer, led by Elder C. A. Jackson.

H. W. Jernigan, Moderator.

W. T. Gregory
Secretary.

Call Conference

Dunn, N.C. July 29. 1899.

Officers: Moderator, H. W. Jernigan
Treasurer, Alex Munn,
Secretary, J. T. Jackson;

Committees

On Obituaries, R. P. Jackson [illegible]
On Ministerial Credentials: W. T. Averet A. W. Gregory [illegible]

[illegible] Ministerial Subst

J. H. Taylor H. J. Jernigan A. H. Gregory [illegible]

Ordained Ministers

Robert Strickland, J. F. Hill, [illegible]
J. S. Ellis R. C. Jackson J. A. Hodges [illegible]
Owen, P. A. Jackson J. W. Lee [illegible]
N. H. Jernigan J. Wilcox [illegible]
Johnson, (By Letter) H. H. Jernigan [illegible]
W. W. [illegible] J. H. Turnbull [illegible]

Churches and Delegates

Prospect – L. H. [illegible]
Hodges Chapel – J. H. Strickland Jr
Pleasant Grove – C. J. Lucas
Anderson Creek – A. J. Moore
Dunn – S. H. Taylor –
Lee's Grove – [illegible]
Ebenezer –
Williams Grove – A. [illegible]
Weavers Grove – H. J. Mitchell
Long Branch – R. Taylor
Colvers Chapel – W. C. Colver
Hickory Grove (Cumb. Co) ——
Shady Grove – W. A. Jackson
Stone Run – Nathan Barefoot
Lee's Chapel – W. Williford
Plainview – R. H. Bass
Roberts Grove – S. T. Jackson
Corinth —

Owens Grove – By letter
Oak Grove – [illegible]
St. Pauls – D. J. [illegible]
[illegible] – B. B. Strickland
Johnson Union – J. H. Avery
S. Marys Grove —
Johnson's Chapel – By Letter
Union Springs – A. H. Gregory
Hopewell – J. H. Johnson
Bethel – J. F. Massengill
Beasley Grove – W. A. Moore
[illegible] Grove – A. J. [illegible]
New Zealand – H. H. Jernigan
Mount Pleasant —
Woods Grove – Pastor
Caseys Chapel – Pastor
Hickory Grove Johnston Co –
[illegible] Run – By Letter

A quorum being present the Moderator announced that the body proceed at once to transact the business pertaining to this body.

A resolution offered by Elder J. F. Hill is received for discussion.

Resolution by Eld. J. F. Hill.

Whereas the resolution passed at last Conference, dividing the Cape Fear Conference into a Cape Fear and Southern Cape Fear Conference, has become dissatisfactory: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the same be and is hereby repealed.

Resolution adopted by a vote of 23 to 4

Conference adjourns to meet at Woods Grove, Wayne Co. N.C., on November 2, 1900.

R. F. Jernigan
Moderator

J. F. Jackson
Secretary

Session 1899.

Resolutions & Reports.

Whereas, The Latter Day Saints, representing a form of religious life that we believe is out of harmony with the teachings of the Bible, and contrary to the religious and social interests of our people, especially that part which makes plural marriages a religious obligation; and

Whereas, They have elected a polygamist to the Congress of the United States from Utah State, B. H. Roberts who is a self-confessed violator of the laws of the government by living in the marriage relation with more than one wife; Therefore,

Resolved, That we the members of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference of North Carolina, do respectfully request the members of Congress from North Carolina to use their influence in having said B. H. Roberts expelled from Congress and to have a clause inserted in the Constitution of the United State prohibiting all polygamists from being allowed a seat in that body.

R. C. Jackson.

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Resolved, That each Sunday School representing in the Sunday School Convention, send one delegate on the day previous to the Convention for the purpose of making a programme and making other arrangements that may be necessary for the well-being of the Convention.

J. A. Owens

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✓ Seeing the great need of mission work and, the necessity of finances to carry out the same; therefore

Resolved, That the ministers urge the members of their respective Churches to raise at least ten cents per head per member and send the same by their delegation to the next Annual Conference.

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Whereas there is a number of our ministers who claim to be called to the evangelistic work; therefore

Resolved, That this body grant [illegible] of authority to Elders E. L. Parker, W. H. Goff, Jr. J. L. Lemiss to work in and outside the bounds of this Conference.

J. E. Wilson.

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✓ Whereas There is dissatisfaction among the laity and ministry regarding the plan of ministerial Labor; therefore

Resolved, That the law creating the Committee on Ministerial Labor be and is hereby, repealed.

R. C. Jackson.

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Seeing that there is a scarcity of Church Disciplines; therefore

Resolved, That this body have 3000 copies of the Discipline published and given out among the Churches.

R. C. Jackson.

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We, the Committee on Ministerial Character beg leave to submit the following report:

We have investigated the charges reported to us and have settled them satisfactory with all parties concerned, so far as we know:

C. M. Pore
W. H. Avery } Com.
A. W. Gregory

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We the Ordaining Council, submit the following report:

We have examined and set apart to the work of the ministry Brethren G. A. Pape, Richard Bass and E. L. Parker and ask that their names be enrolled on the list of ordained ministers.

Lunder Lee,
R. C. Jackson,
Robert Strickland

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We the Committee on Ministerial Labor report as follows:

At Pleasant Grove Elder J. F. Owen filled the vacancy of Elder J. E. Smith who failed to preach there from cause unknown to us.

W. A. Colville
J. W. Taylor } Com.
A. W. Gregory

We the Finance Committee submit the following report:

We find in the treasury of last

year.	4.83
Minute funds	40.10
Mission funds	3.92
Miscellaneous funds	1.20
For Printing Discipline	20.86

W. H. Hudson,
J. E. Jackson, } Com.
C. L. Avery.

Ministers Meeting

Second Annual Session

Dunn N.C. July 29, 1899.

Officers
J.F. Hill Chairman Aaron, N.C.
H.W. Jernigan Treasurer Dunn N.C.
A.W. Gregory Secretary Barclaysville, N.C.

Committees

On Religious Exercises — R.C. Jackson, J.F. Owen J.W. Lucas.

On ByLaws & Rules of order — Linda Lee. Robert Strickland H.W. Jernigan.

Ordained Ministers present 19.

Visiting Ministers — Rev. E.L. Parker, of the Union Baptist Ass'cn, Rev. M. Carr of the M.E. Church [South.] Rev. O.B. Farris of the Union Baptist Church Eld. P.T. Lucas of the Western Conference. F.W. Baptist

Elder C.A. Jackson is chosen Chairman for the ensuing year.

The next Annual Session of Ministers Meeting meets at Dunn, N.C., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in June 1900, at 11. O'clock A.M.

Pastors Reports.

	Churches served	members received	Sermons delivered	Deacons ordained	Churches organized	Funerals	S.S. Lectures	Married	Days in Revival	Amount received $ ¢
J.F. Owen	3	38	120		1	6		8	34	72.65
H.W. Jernigan	3	26	85	1						29 85
J.M. Lee	1							2		25 00
K. Raynor	2					4		1	25	
W.B. Hare			60					9		
J.L. Ennis	2	15								50 00
Robt Strickland	2	41	90		1	5	1	3	25	24 25
L.E. Johnson	2	9	96							21 00
J.F. Hill	1	16	86			12	3	9		40 00
R.C. Jackson		64								64 00
C.A. Jackson	3	44		1		4	3		60	65 00

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Pastors Reports. Cont'd

	Churches served	Members rec'd	Sermons	Funerals	SS Lectures	Married	Days in Revival	Churches organized	Deacons Ordained	Amount received $	¢
Linda Lee	2	60		4		5	39	1		35	00
K. Pope	2	11	103		1		28		1	8	19
S. A. Rouse	1									26	00
D. R. Stafford	1	19	85				25			2	76
W. M. Pope	2	5	150		1		35			15	00

Sabbath School Report

Name of School	Superintendent	Miscellaneous funds	No. on Roll	No. Members belong to Church	No. joining Church from S.S.	Paid for Literature	average attendance	Delegate
New Zealand	M J Blackman	5.00	84	36	4	282	50	By Letter
Trinity	J. S. Lawhon						20	J. V. Barefoot
Bethlehem	W H Phelps		38	14		448		By Letter
Bethel	W. B. Strickland	2.75	84	12		275	43	" "
Owen's Grove	D. L. Owen		103	32	7	146	75	J. O. Hall
Lee's Chapel	M. A. Williford	4.40	52				38	M. A. Williford
Roberts Grove	S. F. Jackson	5.60	71	35	5	166	52	S. D. Jackson
Prospect	J. L. Byrd	.75	89	26	4	229		C. L. Avery
Shady Grove	L. W. Warren	16 00	134	62	11	486	75	N. J. Nelson
Bethesda	L. A. Warren		54			340	41	L. A. Warren
Maple Grove	J. L. Wooten	525	65	20			48	J. L. Wooten
St. Paul	E. S. W. Dameron	5.10	81				32	M. Britt
Ilume	C. L. Guy	640	73	36		125	36	
Lebanon	W. J. Powell							

The Convention met Saturday before 1st Sunday in Oct. 1899 with the above reports and ten Choirs present.

Resp.

R. C. Jackson Pres'dt

W. A. Jackson.
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Statistical Tables for [illegible]

Churches	Counties	For Minutes	Paid to Pastor	Miscellaneous Funds	Members Received	Baptism	Restored	Dismissed	Died	No. of Members	Increase	Decrease	Males	Females	Value of Church Property
Prospect	Harnett	$ 1.00	$ 11.25	.40	10	5		1	1	56	[illegible]		23	15	$200.
Johnson Chapel	"	1.05	20.00	4.00	8	6	10	1		174		2	57	117	400.
Pleasant Grove	"	1.00	9.65		2			4	2	129		4	54	[illegible]	300.
Anderson Creek	"	1.00													
Dunn	"	50	19.00	14.45	3		20			55		51	21	34	
Lee's Grove	"		2.30							9		3	1	[illegible]	
E[illegible]	"	15	10.50				2	2		18		4	5	10	
Williams Grove	"	20			1	1	6	1	1	32		1	13	21	
Harris Grove	"	20	5.35					1		11		1	4	[illegible]	
Long Branch	Cumberland	1.40	24.00	7.00	16	11		1	1	154	11		40	[illegible]	
Colyers Chapel	"														
Hickory Grove	"														
Sandy Grove,	Sampson	2.80	17.60	115.89	14	11	12	1	1	318		3	135	216	400.
Zion Grove,	"	130	2000	9.00	6	6	6		1	112		~~30~~	37	75	100.
Lee's Chapel	"	130	1055	550	3	2		1		82	4				400.
Plainview	"	110	1500	285	5	4		2	2	65	1		4	41	
Roberts Grove	"	134	1814	28	17	9	3	4		66	10				450.
Corinth	"	65	6.60	2.90	2		3			46		1	16	30	250
Owen Grove	"	30	18.00	2500	15	12		1	1	50	3		24	26	
Oak Grove	"	1.25	20.04		8	4				32	8		15	17	300.
St Paul	"	1.30	40.00		5					65	5				300.
New Hope	Johnston	150	22.05	150	7	4		9	1	88		3	38	50	175
Johnston Union	"	1.50	3005	475	10	10	4	2	1	94	3		29	65	
St. Mary's Grove	"	75	4.75		3		1			25	2		8	17	
Simsons Chapel	"	1.00	6.05		7	7				49	7				300
Union Springs	"	75	6.00		2		3			39		7	19	20	100
Hopewell	"	1.00	25.00				2			37		2	13	24	250
Bethel	"	75	516		2					74	2		30	44	
Beasley Grove	"	30	4.20				2	2		44					
Yelvingtons Grove	"	1.00	16.50	75.00	18	14	2			26	16		12	14	[illegible]
Mt. Pleasant,	Wake	70			3	3			2	42	1		10	32	300
Woods Grove	Wayne	2.50	50.00	54.83	4	3	1	2	7	146		9	55	91	1100
Caseys Chapel	"	1.50	17.50	7.45	4	4	5		1	74		2	25	49	
Hickory Grove	Robeson	25	870		2			4		34		2	15	19	
Fort Run	Greene	200	2500		4	3	11		1	97		13	35	62	
Penial		60													
North East		.50								15					

Statistics, Cont'd for 1899.

Churches	County	For minutes	Paid to Pastor	Miscellaneous fund	Member Rec'd	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Number of Members	Increase	Decrease	Males	Females	Value of Church Property
~~Lebanon~~															
Lebanon										45			21	24	
Tea Chapel	Johnston Co.	.50	1.26							19			5	14	50.00
Oak Grove	Lenoir	75	35.00	3.00						26			14	12	
Newton's X Roads		40													
Saints Delight		50								25					
New Center	Johnston	1.30	4.25							30			2	28	
Bethlehem		46		74						23			14	9	
Zoar	Sampson	52		176						26			12	14	
New Zealand	Johnston	75	3.20	55.00	11	5				25	11		12	13	150.00

— End. —

Minutes of the Forty sixth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference, held with Shady Grove Church, Sampson Co. N.C. November 1st 2nd and 3rd 1900.

The next annual Session will be held with the Church at Lee's Chapel, Sampson Co. N.C. beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1901 at 12, M.

Officers.

H.W. Jernigan	Moderator,	Dunn N.C.
Alex Munns	Treasurer,	Smithfield N.C.
W.H. Gregory	Secretary	Angier N.C.

Committees:

On Obituaries, R.C. Jackson, J.F. Owen and F.M. Dameron

On Temperance: Linda Lee R.W. Bass and W.P. Colger

On Ministerial Character: W.H. Avery, A.W. Gregory and J.A. Thomas

Ordaining Council: Linda Lee, Robert Strickland & R.C. Jackson

Ordained Ministers:

S.B. Thain	Glenmore N.C.	J.S. Ellis	Clayton N.C.
Robert Strickland	" " "	L.E. Johnson	Soulston " "
J.F. Hill	Aaron " "	R.C. Jackson	Hawleys Store " "
Linda Lee,	Giles' Mills " "	H.W. Jernigan	Dunn " "
J.A. Hodges,	Benson, " "	J.F. Owen	" " "
D.R. Stafford,	Four Oaks " "	C.A. Jackson	" " "

Ordained Ministers - continued,

J M Lee	Dunn	N.C.
J. A. Rouse	"	" "
Hannibal Pope	"	" "
G. A. Pope	"	" "
W. M. Pope	"	" "
W. J. Jernigan	"	" "
J. W. Lucas	"	" "
W. B. Hare	McColl	S.C.
R W Bass		N.C.
H. H. Goff	Shine	" "
E. L. Parker	Clinton	" "
O. B. Garris		" "
G. S. Mobley		" "
J. A. Blalock	Wilsons Mills	" "
Henry Dudley		N.C.
E. F. Edwards		" "

Licentiates:

W. R. Langley
J. D. Avery
J. M. Langdon
W. H. Avera
Daniel Faircloth

Proceedings.

Shady Grove Church Sampson Co N.C.
Thursday, November 1st 1900.

The Forty sixth annual session of the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference met according to previous adjournment at 12 M.

Elder R. C. Jackson, who was elected at last Conference to preach the Introductory sermon, proceeds and preaches from 2 Timothy, 4 Chapt., 2 verse, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine."

Intermission 50 minutes for dinner.

Conference assembles at 2:10 P.M. and is called to order by the moderator.

Names of those entitled to membership are enrolled — Moderator - H. H. Jernigan; Treasurer - A. Munn; - Secretary W. H. Gregory.

Committees.

On Obituaries - R. C. Jackson
On Ministerial Character - W. H. Avery and A. W. Gregory
Ordaining Council - Robert Strickland Lunda Lee - R. C. Jackson -
Ordained Ministers - Robert Strickland J. F. Hill. Lunda Lee J. A. Ellis R. C. Jackson

C. A. Jackson, H. W. Jernigan J. F. Owen L. E. Johnson Hannibal Pope R. N. Bass Joseph Salmon W. R. Glover J. A. Hodges J. W. Lucas D. R. Stafford G. A. Pope E. L. Parker W. M. Pope H. H. Goff C. J. Carr O. B. Garris S. B. Thain (By Eld Strickland) & W. B. Hare. (by letter)

Licentiates — Henry Dudley, J. A. Blalock, Daniel Faircloth J. M. Langdon, J. D. Avery, W. H. Avery and W. R. Langley—

Delegates.

Prospect — J. L. Byrd & R. M. Parker
Hodges' Chapel — J. M. McLamb, Charley Johnson and T. C. Miller
Dunn — J. H. Pope and T. W. Taylor
Pleasant Grove — H. S. Lucas, W. L. Norris & Walter Norris
Ebenezer (by letter).
Williams' Grove (By letter)
Weaver's Grove J. D. Matthews
Long Branch — J. M. Wade H. J. Summerlin
Colyer's Chapel — W. P. Colyer and J. H. Jackson
Pine Grove. E. J. Wilson W. H. Jackson & L. T. Warren
Pine Level. — N. T. Barefoot and J. W. Jernigan
Lee's Chapel. J. A. Tart L. W. Hulliford T. A. Godwin
Plain View. — Lewis Hoke.
Roberts' Grove — M. T. Jackson and H. T. Barefoot.
Corinth. — Z. Taylor and A. T. [illegible]
Oak Grove. Sampson Warren and J. H. Harris
St. Paul. — T. M. Dameron and M. A. Warrick
New Hope. — D. H. Hayes J. B. Allen and J. C. Jernigan
Johnston Union. — W. R. Parrish Mrs. Emma Blalock and Mrs Sallie Ellis.
St. Mary's Grove. — J. R. Benson and J. W. Pollard
Johnson's Chapel — W. H. Barber, J. A. Johnson and Austin Holmes.
Union Springs. — S. F. Davis and J. D. Stephenson.
Hopewell. — N. C. Massengill Albert Johnson and J. R. Johnson.
Bethel — R. L. Thomas
Wellington's Grove. — B. D. Simons
Mount Pleasant — J. C. Woolard
Woods' Grove. — Elijah Vinson, A. Thomas and R. A. Pare
Cason's [illegible] — Elder J. T. Hill.

[illegible] - W^m [illegible] and J. T. Smith.
Denial. — By letter.
North East.- [illegible] Carter and Willie [illegible].
Lebanon. J. C. Carter, [illegible] and [illegible] Davis
[illegible] Chapel. By letter.
Newton's Roads.- [illegible] and [illegible].
Saints Delight. Arthur [illegible] and [illegible].
New Centre. [illegible].
Bethlehem. [illegible], J. C. Curtis and J. T. Byrd.
[illegible] C. Turlington A. L. Lockerman and James Mc[illegible].

Assistant Officers.

The Moderator called for assistance Elder [illegible] Jackson. The Secretary [illegible] [illegible] to his assistance.

Appointment of Committees

The moderator appoints committees as follows:
On order of Business:- Elders J. T. [illegible] [illegible] and C. A. Jackson
On Boundaries:- W. H. Jackson Sampson Warren and J. E. Wilson.
On [illegible]: J. F. Owen and F. M. Dameron
On Temperance: [illegible]
On Education:- Charley Johnson, [illegible] Parker and R. C. Turlington.
On Religious Exercises:- M. T. Jackson, W^m Jackson and J. H. Harris.
On Finance: J. R. Benson, J. R. Johnson and [illegible] Miller.
On Ministerial Character: [illegible].

Report of the committee on order of Business is received and by motion of Elder Linda Lee the committee is discharged.

Order of Business.

1st Introductory Sermon.
2, Enrollment of those entitled to membership
3 Organization.
4 Call for petitionary letters.
5 Appointment of Committees.
6 Hand of fellowship to visiting [illegible].
7 Reports [illegible] Churches.

8. Reports from Committees
9. Resolutions.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Adjournment.

The Moderator extends the hand of fellowship to Rev. B. B. Holder, of the M.E. Church, South, and he is welcomed to a seat with this body.

Committee on Religious Exercises report: To preach to-night at 7-30 Eld. G. A. Pope, open; Eld. C. W. Lucas, preach. To-morrow at 10-30 A.M. Eld. D.R. Stafford, open, Elder Robert Strickland, preach. At 2 P.M. [illegible] A. Blalock, open, W.R. Glover, preach.

By motion of Elder Joseph Salmon, conference adjourns till tomorrow 9-30 A.M.

Benediction by the moderator.

Second Day.

Friday November 2, 1900.

Conference met according to adjournment at 9-30 a.m., is called to order by the moderator.

Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder J. T. Owen who reads the 27th Psalm and leads the prayer.

The roll is called and 101 members answer there being three absentees.

The minutes of yesterday are read and confirmed.

Petitionary letters are received from the following Churches and they are received into this body; the hand of fellowship is extended their respective delegates as follows:

Henrys Grove - W. C. Godwin.
St. John - Elisha Herring, L. L. Daly
Spring Branch - C. T. Cain.
Wilmington - (By letter)
Shady Grove (Duplin Co.) Ransom Shore
Raynor's Chapel - John Porter
[illegible] Grove - W. M. Thompson, David Jordan.
Carr's Chapel - S. H. Lewis.

The names of Elders J. M. Lee, G. A. Mobley, K. Raynor J. A. Hodges, J. [illegible] and W. J. Jernigan are enrolled.

The names of brethren E. T. Edwards, [illegible] W. L. Hodges of Long Branch; H. D. Moore and J. [illegible] Raynor of Beasley Grove; [illegible] L. Owen and [illegible] of Owen Grove; W. [illegible] Buckman and [illegible] of New Zealand; [illegible] Laughter, [illegible] H. [illegible] of Bethel; James [illegible] of Corinth; [illegible] of Roberts Grove; W. H. [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible]ers Grove are enrolled as representatives of their respective Churches.

Visiting Brethren.

The names of Elder Ransom Grice of the Western Conference; W. [illegible] Moore of the Eastern, W. H. Frost of the Central and, J. H. [illegible] of the Cumberland (Conn) association are enrolled and they are welcomed to seats with us.

By motion the moderator appoints a committee of five members to pass upon the legality of all resolutions before they are put before the body.

Committee appointed: Elders [illegible] Hill, Linda Lee, H. K. Ho[illegible], and brethren W. F. Polyer and R. M. Parker.

" Reports from the Churches.

Church Letters are received from the different Churches and read before the Conference.

By motion of Elder Linda Lee the name of Hickory Grove Church (Cumberland Co) be dropped from the list of Churches, and the membership be instructed to unite with sister churches.

At 11:45 A.M. Rev. B. L. Holder responds to the welcome extended him, by a few words of encouragement, after which Conference adjourns one hour for dinner.

Conference reassembles at 1:30 and resumes business under the head of reports from Churches.

Reports of the Committee on Religious

Exercises re sort, to preach to night at 7:30 Eld J. M. Lee open; Eld H. H. Goff preach.

Tomorrow at 10:30 Eld C. A. Jackson open; Eld W. H. Frost preach, At 2:30 p.m. Eld O. B. Garris open; Eld E. L. Parker preach.

Report of the Committee on ministerial Character is recommitted for further investigati

Report of the Sunday School Convention is received and adopted.

Rev. G. W. Binkley, makes a short talk on the work in Tennessee, which is encouraging and is appreciated by the Conference

By motion of J. E. Wilson, Conference adjourns till tomorrow 9:30 A.M.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Third Day.

Saturday November 3, 1900.

Conference met at 9:30 A.M. and is duly called to order by the moderator.

Devotional exercises are conducted by Elder J. F. Hill who reads Isaiah 55 Chapter and leads the prayer.

Roll is Called. Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

Conference proceeds to business under the head of resolutions.

Resolution by Elder Lee: lost.

Resolution by Eld C. A. Jackson is received for discussion and adopted:

Seeing the need of a better Co-operation in the work of the Sunday School Convention be it therefore

Resolved 1st That the said Convention be divided into four separate districts.

Resolved 2nd That the name of the districts shall be first, second, third and fourth districts

Resolved 3, That this body elect the necessary officers to carry out the work of the Convention in each district.

Resolved 4th, That the officers shall be known as President, Vice-President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

Resolved, 5th, That the meetings of said Convention shall be on Saturday before the first, second, third and fourth Sundays in the month of October.

Resolved 6th That each [illegible] their respective districts

Resolved 7th That all laws and resolutions conflicting herewith [illegible].

The moderator appointed J. H. Carter, [illegible] W. S. Jackson, W. C. Glover & J. A. Thomas Committee to carry above resolution into effect dividing the convention into districts.

Resolution by Elders R. Strickland and A. G. Simpson is received for discussion and after discussion pro and con by Elders Simpson Strickland Hill, R. C. Jackson Linda Lee Brethren J. W. Fowler J. Taylor and others, is tabled.

Resolution by W. H. Goff, W. P. Coles and E. [illegible] is received and adopted.

Resolved, That all ministers shall hand in a report of their years work in writing to the Secretary by 12 m. of the second day of the Conference.

They shall be recorded but not read before the body.

✓ Reports.

✓ [Report of the Committee on Ministerial Character is received and adopted as follows:

We the Committee on Ministerial Character submit the following:

Upon investigation of Charges we find that J E Smith is guilty of negligence to attend the sessions of this body and that he is fighting the doctrine of the Cape Fear Conference & rejecting the discipline. Therefore we ask this body to demand his Credentials at once.

We find that J. H. Griffis is guilty of the negligence to this body and fighting the doctrine of the same. Therefore we ask this body to demand his Credentials

We find also that J W Moore is guilty of negligence, Sabbath breaking and Whisky drinking as a beverage. Therefore we ask this body to immediately demand his Credentials.

J L Ennis has left our Connection owing to refusing to pay a just debt to a member of this body. Therefore we ask this body to demand his Credentials forthwith]

We ask this body to excuse the ministers who failed to attend the last ministers Meeting which was held at [illegible]

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The moderator appoints J. A. [illegible] A. W. Gregory, Robert Strickland, and J. H. Pike to wait on and demand the credentials of Smith, Willis Moore & Ennis respectfully, as set forth in the above report.

Report of the Committee on Education is received and tabled.

Report of Committee on Religious Exercises: To preach tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. Elder W. J. Moore open services followed by Elder B. M. Binkley Closing by Elder Linda Lee

Report of Committee on Obituaries is received and adopted:

We the Committee on Obituaries beg leave to submit the following:

That there has been no death of any minister of this Conference during the Conference year.

Report of Committee on Temperance is received and adopted.

We the Committee on Temperance make the following report: We know of none of our ministers & but few of our members that use intoxicating liquors as a beverage and we trust that every member in this body will feel that they are members of this Committee and will use their influence for the promotion of the same.

Report of the Ordaining Council is received and adopted.

We the ordaining Council beg leave to report the following:

We have examined Brethren J.A. Bla Henry Dudley & C.F. Edwards and found them orthodox in the faith & practice of the Free Will Baptist Church & expect to attend their ordination at our earliest convenience.

We are satisfied as to the orthodox of Bro. J.S. Mobley and have granted him a Certificate of ordination.

Elder W.H. Frost makes a short talk in the interest of the Free Will Baptist paper and the Triennial National Conference which meets at Nashville Tenn, Octo. 15. 1901 after which Conference takes an intermission of one hour for dinner.

Afternoon Session.

Conference is called to order at 1:10 p.m. Owing to rain there is no services at the stand this afternoon

Report of the Committee to district the Sunday School Convention is received and and adopted.

We the Committee appointed to district the Sunday school Conventions beg leave to submit the following:

First District – Prospect, Mt Pleasant, Hodges Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Anderson's Creek, Ebenezer, Williams Grove Weaver's Grove, Colyer's Chapel, St. Marys Grove. Union Springs. and Beasley's Grove.

Second District — Long Branch, Dixon Stow Run, Shady Grove, Lee's Chapel, Roberts Grove, Corinth, Hickory Grove, Saints Delight, Oak Grove, Henry's Grove, Raynor's Grove, and Spring Branch.

Third District — Wilmington, Plain View, Owens Grove, St. Paul's, Peniel, North East, Lebanon, Newtons X Roads, Zoar, Carr's Chapel, and Shady Grove.

Fourth District — Fort Run, New Hope, Johnston Union, Johnson's Chapel, Hope-Well, Bethel, Yelvington's Grove, Woods Grove, Casey's Chapel, Tea Chapel, Bethlehem, New Zealand, St John's, New Center and Bizzell's Grove.

The First District meets at Prospect Church Saturday before the first Sunday in October next. Z. Taylor President Giles Mills N.C.

The Second District meets at Roberts Grove Saturday before the second Sunday in October S.F. Jackson President Lyda N.C.

The Third District meets at St Paul Saturday before the third Sunday in October, J.M. Powers President Clinton N.C.

The Fourth District meets at Casey's Chapel Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October J.L. Alphin President Goldsboro N.C.

By order of the Moderator each Convention elects its own officers, to-wit: Vice President Secretary and Assistant Secretary

Resolution by A W Gregory is received and adopted:
Resolved, That this body appoint a Reading Clerk whose duty it shall be to read before this body the Church letter

The Moderator appoints W H Gregory as Reading Clerk.

Resolution by E. L. Parker is received and adopted:
Resolved, That delegates upon arrival to the Conference shall settle with the Finance Committee and leave the letters with them who shall hand them in to be read on the morning of the second day at 10 o'clock.

Report of the Finance Committee

We the Finance Committee ask leave to submit the following report:
We find in the treasury:

Balance 1899	$ 13.49
And for 1900 as follows:	
for Minutes	47 42
Home Mission	74 67
Foreign Mission	12 90
Miscellaneous	1 62
Total	$ 150 10

J. R. Johnson
J. R. Benson
J. C. Miller
Committee

Miscellaneous Business

By motion of Sampson Warren this Conference reimburse Elder Parker his expenses to the S.C. Conference.

By motion this Conference pays Elder H.W. Jernigan Fifty-five Dollars out of the Home Missionary funds for having the Discipline printed; that the Discipline be deposited with the Secretary and that each minister in this Conference be a Committee to order out and dispose of the Discipline and report to the Annual Conference.

On motion by Elder Hill the secretary is instructed to have 1200 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed - the usual number copies to the Eastern, Central, Western and S.C. Conference, and 50 copies to the Cumberland Association (Tenn.)

The Secretary is instructed to have printed 1000 Church letter forms and distribute with the minutes to our Churches

The following officers are elected for the next two years:
Moderator, R.C. Jackson
Secretary F.M. Dameron
Treasurer A. Moore.

A Collection of $4.72 is taken up for Rayner's Chapel. A Collection is taken up for Elder Binkley amounting to $3.23

Petitions for the next session of the Conference are received from Woods Grove and Lees Chapel

By vote, it is decided that the next session be held with Lees Chapel Church Sampson County N.C.

Elder Linda Lee is elected to preach the Introductory sermon and Elder J. F. Hill alternate.

By motion the Secretary is instructed to advertise that application will be made to the next General Assembly for incorporation of the Cape Fear Free-Will Conference.

The Moderator appoints Elders R. C. Jackson J. F. Hill and Bro. R. D. Thomas Committee to Confer with the Committee on Hymn Book at the Union Conference

By motion of Elder J. F. Owen a vote of thanks be tendered Shady Grove Church and vicinity for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

By motion of Elder Joseph Salmon, Conference adjourns to meet with Lees Chapel Church Sampson County N.C. on Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1901, at 12 M.

Closing remarks and prayer by Elder Linda Lee.

H. W. Jernigan Moderator
R. C. Jackson Asst Moderator

W. H. Gregory, Secretary.
J. M. Dameron, Asst. Secretary.

Pastor's Reports For 1900

Ministers	Churches served	Members Rec'd	Sermons	Days in Revivals	Churches Organized	Deacons Ordained	Funerals	SS Lectures	Married	Amt. Received
Hammond Pike	1	2	75	25					2	$12.22
Lucas Lee	3	25	55	30			4		2	68.40
J. W. Lucas	1		45	9			1	1	2	
O. C. Pope	1	16	70	40	1	1		1		13.60
R. T. Horton	3	26	95	31	1					15.00
W. M. Page	4	17		24		1		1	3	56.07
R. C. Jackson	7	57		70	1		12	5		135.00
J. F. Hill	2	20	65	25	1		5	5	7	29.00
H. H. Young	1	23	30							
C. A. Jackson	3	36		62		1	2	5	4	92.37
Robt. T. Strickland	4	21	110	20	1	1	3	1	1	40.19
J. M. Lee	1		30	5			1			25.00
[illegible] F. Crow	4	14	130	40			10	1	6	124.85
R. H. Buse	4	10	71				3			40.00
H. H. Gore			450	216			2	3	1	125.00
W. T. B. Hair	1		60				4		9	23.60

Q. E. Johnson Mission Work; J. A. Rouse mission work; Joseph [illegible] mission work.

Sunday School Report.

Name of School	Superintendant.	Members on Roll	[illegible] members belonging to the church	Number converted from SS	Paid for Literature	Average attendance	miscellaneous Funds	Delegates.
[illegible]	W. C. Godwin	90	27		$3.34	37		A C Snipes
[illegible]ges Chapel	S. [illegible]ttenton	76	11	4	2.00	35		J. R. Strickland jr
Johnston Union	W. H. Avera	90				40	$7.28	J. A. Blalock
Oak Grove	W. E. Godwin	90	15		1.75	40		J. E. Warren
Shady Grove	W. B. Dudley	108	59	.9	3.14	52	9.25	By letter
New Hope	J. B. Jernigan	62		1	2.30	23	5.00	
Roberts Grove	S. F. Jackson	64	23	0	1.65	38	4.50	W. A. Jackson
Mt Vernon Springs	J. J. Whittenton	31						Seth Parrish
Bethel	W. [illegible] Strickland	78	12		2.68	32	4.50	S. J. Thain
[illegible]s Chapel	Lemuel Harden	59	21		5.00	35	20.00	L. Harden
New Zeland	H. [illegible] Jernigan	103	32	6	1.20	46	7.50	N. T. Altman

The Convention met at the appointed time and place with the above report [illegible] [illegible] classes present.

Respectfully,

H. H. Jackson

President Pro. Tem.

Statistical Table for 1900.

Churches	Counties	For minutes	Paid to pastor	Miscellaneous Funds	Members Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. Members	Decrease	No. males	No. Females	Increase	Value church property	Home missions	Foreign mission.
Prospect	Harnett	$1.00	$17.25	$1.30	6	4	1		3	131		40	91	2		$3.00	
Hodges Chapel	Harnett	2.00	27.75	8.00	23	8	3	1	1	145	27	43	102				
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	1.00	1825		10	9	6		1	85	61	36	49				
Buies Creek	Harnett	1.00	21.00	60.00	6		1			60		24	36	5		1.10	
Dunn	Harnett	.25	883							16		6	10				
Ebenezer	Harnett	.50								29	5	10	19				
[illegible] Grove	Harnett																
[illegible] Grove	Harnett	.30	6.85		3	2	1			13				2		.10	
Long Branch	Cumberland	1.50	25.97	16.35			2	12	2	130	14	50	80			6.00	
Ayers Chapel	Cumberland	1.50	30.00	1.50	1			6		102	5	41	61				
Shady Grove	Sampson	3.15	3335	32.00	14	13			6	357		139	218	8	$500		
Stony Run	Sampson	1.00	1275					1	3	125	3	31	94			.40	.40
Lee's Chapel	Sampson	1.65	21.00		2	1	1	2	1	81	1	45	36			2.00	
Plain View	Sampson	.50	20.00							67		25	42		200	1.25	
Roberts Grove	Sampson	1.30	2200				1		1	65	2	33	32			7.00	
Corinth	Sampson	.85	8.75				5				5	15	26				
Owen Grove	Sampson	.50	11.75	1.80	6	1			1	53		27	26	5		2.00	
Oak Grove	Sampson	2.00	27.00		10	5		1	1	40		17	23	8	300	11.97	
St. Paul	Sampson	1.65	45.00		24	13	1			93				23	75	2.55	2.50
Zoar	Sampson	.60	20.00							30		16	14			.50	
Penial	Sampson	.50								12		6	6				
Lebanon	Sampson	1.00	37.50	95	7		1	1	1	49					750	3.00	.25
New Hope	Johnston	1.50	37.00	60.38	8	7	7	5		75	4	31	44			11.55	
Johnston Union	Johnston	1.5	42.27	1.70	15	8		3		104	12	31	73			12.50	
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	.75	7.00		7	4		2		31		9	22	5			
Johnson's Chapel	Johnston	1.50	17.84	01						60		26	34				
Hopewell	Johnston	1.00	25.00				4	1	2	34	7	14	20				
Bethel	Johnston	1.00	12.00		1					39		12	27	1			
Yelvington's Gr	Johnston	.70	20.10	17.00	4	1				29		12	17	4			
Ira Chapel	Johnston	.75	7.00		5	3		1		21	7	14		4		.75	
New Center	Johnston	.50	4.45	9.00	1				2	30	2	2	28			.55	
New Zealand	Johnston	1.00	15.10		15	8		1	1	38		15	23	13		4.00	
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	.90	5.65							43		12	31				
Woods Grove	Wayne	2.00	50.00				6	2	4	136	12					.59	
Caseys Chapel	Wayne	1.50	10.05							76		25	51			2.05	.65
Fox Run	Green	1.20	20.05		11	3	3	1	1	99		36	63	7		.50	
North East	Duplin	50	12.00		7	3				23		10	13			2.25	1.25
Oak Grove	Lenore	00															
Newton X Rds	Lenore	55	30.00		2	2				18		7	11		40	.66	
[illegible] Knight	Lenore	50	8.35		15	6				40				15			
Bethlehem	Lenore	78	33.00	1.12						39		24	15		300		
St. John	Lenore	50		25						19		9	10				
Spring Branch	Lenore	32	12.00							16		6	10		175		
Wilmington	New Hanover									27		10	17				
Shady Grove	Duplin	28								14					75		
[illegible] Grove	Duplin	50	2.00		25					29		8	17		50		
Tyson Chapel	Cumberland	25			5	4	1			14							
Henry's Grove	Cumberland	80	6.60		11	5				11		5	6				
[illegible] Chapel	Cumberland	68								11		3	8				
Union Springs	Johnston	82	1220		2	2				41		20	21			2.15	1.00
[illegible] Grove	Johnston	30	3.65						1	40	1	10	30				

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Table of Churches, Clerks P.O. Address and Pastors

Churches	Clerks	Post Office	Pastors 1900
Prospect	C.L. Avera	Key, N.C.	W.J. Jernigan
Hodges Chapel	J.R. Strickland	Benson NC	H.W. Jernigan
Pleasant Grove	A.S. Lucas	Dunn N.C.	J.A. Hodges
Anderson's Creek			
Dunn			R.C. Jackson
Ebenezer	W.B. Hair	Spout Springs NC	M. Raynor
Williams Grove	S. Stewart	Buies Creek NC	J.W. Lucas
Weavers Grove	W.H. Wiggins	Barclaysville NC.	W.M. Page
Long Branch	L.W. Tart	Dunn NC	W.M. Page
Colliers Chapel	W.P. Lucas	Draughon NC.	J.F. Owen
Shady Grove	W.A. Jackson	Hawleys Store NC.	Lunda Lee
Stony Run	W.E. Jernigan	Mingo NC.	Robt. Strickland
Lee's Chapel	E.B. Tart	Mingo NC.	Robt. Strickland
Plain View	R.C. Bass	Keener NC	R.C. Jackson
[illegible] Grove	S.F. Jackson	Hawleys Store NC	Lunda Lee
Corinth	E.R. Blue	Falcon NC.	W.M. Page
Owens Grove	D.L. Owen	Clinton NC	R.C. Jackson
Oak Grove (S)	E.M. Tart	Rosinhill NC.	J.F. Owen
St Paul	F.M. Dameron	Hobton NC.	R.C. Jackson & R.W. Bass
New Hope	J.B. Jernigan	Glenmore NC.	Robt. Strickland & R.C. Jackson
Johnston Union	S.C. Turnage	Smithfield NC.	O.A. Jackson
[illegible] Grove	E.J. Lassiter	Spilona NC.	G.A. Page
[illegible] Chapel	J.A. Johnson	Ezra NC.	J.F. Owen
[illegible] Springs	A.W. Gregory	Barclaysville NC	Hannibal Page
Hopewell	J.R. Johnson	Ezra NC.	J.M. Lee
Bethel	E.M. Temple	Four Oaks NC.	W.J. Jernigan
Beasley's Grove	W.W. Moore	Benson NC	W.J. Jernigan
[illegible] Grove	C.C. Hathaway	Smithfield NC.	O.A. Jackson
Mt Pleasant	J.Q. Adams	Myatt Mills NC.	J.S. Ellis
Woods Grove	J.J. Roberts	Saulston NC	J.F. Hill
Caseys Chapel	E.E. Long	Elroy NC.	J.F. Hill
Hickory Grove	Robinson		J.F. Hill
[illegible] Run	W.J. Ginn	Shine NC.	No pastors
[illegible]	C.P. Batts	Willard NC.	O.B. Garner
[illegible] Creek	[illegible] Cavenaugh	Pasley NC	R.C. Jackson
Lebanon	H.E. Patterson	Pine Level NC.	J.W. Hodges
[illegible] Chapel	J.N. Royal		
Oak Grove (Lenoir)			
[illegible]	J.D. Higsmith	Herald Store NC	C.J. Carr
Mount Delight	B.A. Morgan	Four Oaks NC	Lunda Lee
New Center	E.P. Parker		R. Strickland
Bethlehem	J.T. Byrd		R.C. Jackson and R.W. Bass
Zion	J.L. Crumpler	Salem Burg NC	R.C. Jackson and R.W. Bass
[illegible]	M.J. Blackman	Gun Shot	Wm. Page
[illegible] Grove	W.J. Godwin	Dunn NC	G.A. Page
St John	Jos. C. Grant	Goldsboro NC	J.F. Hill
Spring Branch			R.C. Jackson
Wilmington	Solomon Godwin	Wilmington	[illegible]
Spring Grove	Ransom Sholar		[illegible]
[illegible] Chapel	M.J. Raynor	Pope Mills	[illegible]
[illegible] Chapel	S.W. Lewis	[illegible]	[illegible]
Biggs's Grove	Jon J. Weeks	[illegible]	[illegible]

Ministers Meeting.

The tenth session of the ministers meeting was held with the Church at Dunn N. C. June 22nd 1900.

Introductory sermon preached by Eld. Lunda Lee. Elder R. C. Jackson presides as President.

Ministers & officers present as follows: Lunda Lee, R. C. Jackson, J. T. Hodges, T. E. Johnson, A. W. Jernigan, J. T. Creel, C. C. Jackson, J. W. Lucas, W. M. Pope, C. J. A. Pope, J. S. Ennis, F. G. Jernigan, E. L. Parker, D. R. Stafford, W. J. Salmon, A. B. [illegible] and W. J. Carr.

Licentiates — Henry Dudley & E. T. Edwards.

Officers — A. W. Jernigan Treasurer, A. W. Gregory Clerk. The following was adopted as the order of business:

1st Introductory sermon
2nd Enrollment of those entitled to membership
3rd Appointment of Committees.
4th Report of Committees.
5th Miscellaneous Business
6th Adjournment.

Second Day.

The Mission is discussed by good many of the ministers & Eld. E. L. Parker [illegible] for raising missions & some funds raised for printing Pledge Certificates as suggested.

Resolution offered by A. W. Gregory adopted as follows:

Resolved, that we recommend that all Communion services be made special. Special in the beginning of the services, all talks, sermons &c. on the subject be special for the Church, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man & drink His blood ye have no life in you" (John 6, 56) Special for the Congregation showing them the necessity there is in religion & show them His death till He come. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do [illegible] death till He come" (1 Cor. 11, 26)

Third Day.

The mission cause is further discussed by the brethren and the doctrine of holiness sanctification a second work of grace, the baptism of the Holy Ghost & Divine healing discussed as the doctrine of the Bible

Elder E. L. Parker Elder J. L. Ennis and A. W. Gregory is appointed a committee on programme for the next meeting. The President preach the next Introductory sermon.

Elder C. A. Jackson
President.

A. W. Gregory Clerk.

Constitution.

1st This body shall be known as the Ministers Meeting of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference.

2nd The object of shall be to advance the cause of Christ & to harmonize the work of the ministers that they be a unit on the doctrine and practice of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist so Conference.

3rd The Officers shall be Chairman Secretary and Treasurer who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

Linda Lee
Robert Strickland,
H. W. Jernigan
Committee

Record of the Fortyseventh Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference. Held with the Lee's Chapel Church Sampson County. N.C. Oct. 31st Nov. 1st–2nd–1901. R.C. Jackson. Moderator J.W. Lucas Treasurer pro tem. W.H. Gregory Reading Clk. F.M. Dameron Secretary.

Ordained Ministers. J.F. Hill. Lunda. Lee. J.A. Hodges. D.R. Stafford. J.S. Ellis. L.E. Johnson. R.C. Jackson. H.W. Jernigan. J.F. Owen. G.A. Pope. W.J. Jernigan. J.W. Lucas. W.B. Hare. R.W. Bass. H.H. Goff. E.L. Parker. O.B. Garriss. J.A. Blalock. Henry. Dudley. E.F. Edwards. A.J. Bordeaux. C.J. Carr. Jos. Salmon. Kenith Raynor. J.H. Faircloth. W.R. Glover. Hannibal Pope Licentiates. J.M. Langdon. W.H. Avery. D.T. Anderson. R.B. Jackson. A.J. Pearson. W.L. Godwin E.L. Gavin. H.J. Summerlin.

Committees

On obituaries. R.C. Jackson. J.F. Owen. F.M. Dameron.

On Temperance. Lunda. Lee. R.W. Bass. W.P. Collier.

On deportment & work of the Ministry. J. Taylor. A.W. Gregory. J.J. Roberts. J.C. Jernigan. V.T. Baggett. Willie Cavenaugh.

Ordaining Council.

Lunda Lee. Robert Strickland J.F. Hill.

Proceedings.

Lee's Chapel Church. Sampson County N.C.

Thursday October 31st–1901. The fortyseventh annual session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference met at place and date above named at 12. M. Elder Lunda. Lee. who had been elected to preach the introductory sermon preached from Phillipians 2nd Chapter and 5th verse (Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ-Jesus. Intermission of 55 minutes for dinner

Afternoon Session.

Churches and Delegates

Prospect. J.L. Byrd. J.B. Parker. J.W. Avery.

Hodges Chapel. J.R. Strickland. Jr.

Pleasant Grove. W.K. Norris A.S. Lucas.

Anderson Creek Not Represented.

Dunn. J.W. Taylor.

Ebenezer Not Represented.
Williams Grove By Letter

Weaver's Grove. C.J. Turnage. W.J. Mitchell.
Long Branch. Furney Fort H.J. Simmons
Collier's Chapel. J.H. Capps. Josiah Jackson,
Shady Grove. Sampson Co. J.L. Wooten J.E. Wilson Ransom West.
Stony Run. Josiah Hudson. John R. Barefoot. W.E. Jernigan.
Lee's Chapel. M.A. Williford L.R. Holland,
Plain View. J.T. Gautier S.W. Avery
Roberts Grove. W.E. Jackson. J.T. Warren.
Corinth. J Taylor R.H. Blew,
Amen Grove. M.W. Simmons.
Oak Grove. W.E. Godwin M.N. Edwards.
St Paul's. B.J. Blackman. S.A. Herring. R.A. Jernigan,
New Hope. J.C. Jernigan. H.R. Hayes.
Johnson Union. W.R. Parrish.
St Mary's Grove. J.E. Hobbs. Robert Ellis W.R. Coates.
Johnson's Chapel. L.M. Capps. Lemuel Hardee.
Union Springs. J.M. Gregory J.P. Stephenson,
Hopewell E.E. Parker. Callie Parker. D.C. Johnson.
Bethel. W.P. Thomas. E.M. Temple. J.R. Massengill.
Yelvington's Grove By letter
Beasley's Grove. J.I. Rayner W.J. Moore.
Mount. Pleasant. J.C. Woolard,
Woods. Grove J.J. Roberts. J.L. Alphin E.C. Futrell,
Casey's. Chapel. Alf Casey. I Grant.
Fort Run. John B. Goff.
Peniel. By letter
North East. W.H Cavenaugh. Willie Cavenaugh.
Lebanon. W.J. Powell. J.R. Parker. Lin. Lewis.
Tea Chapel. Minnie Dale. J.N. Royal.
Newton's + Roads. A.J. Bordeaux
Saints Delight Hinton Tew. J.K. Moore
Piney Grove, B.G. Stanley
Bethlehem. G.W. Byrd. Gabriel Byrd. W.H. Phipps.
Zoar. Lewis Holland. Perdie Honeycutt. V.T. Baggett,
New Zealand, M.T. Blackman. R.G. Johnson J.A. Johnson
Henry's. Grove. W.J. Godwin. J.M. Pope
St Johns. Elisha Herring.
Garland. Horace Carter. J.C. Bordeaux.
Wilmington. J.A. Holloman,

Rayno's Chapel. M. J. Raynor.
Carr's Chapel By letter
Bizzells Grove Gaston Edwards. W. H. Westbrook. J Fields
Shady Grove (Dublin Co.) By letter

Assistant Officers.

The moderator Calls for his assistant. H. W. Jernigan Secretary Calls A. W. Gregory. On motion of Eld Jos. Salmon the moderator is empowered to appoint Committee's as follows

On Religious. Exercises J. L. Alphin. M. A. Williford. W. J. Powell.
On Boundaries R. M. Parker J E. Wilson. J T Warren. A. S Lucas. J B Parker.
On Obituaries J. A. Hodges J. T. Owen. T. M. Dameron
On Temperance. R. W. Bass. Lunda Lee W. B. Hare Rolem
On Education. E. L Parker E. L. Gavin O. B. Garriss.
On Finance. J. L. Wooten J. R Strickland J. R. Parker
On deportment and Work of the ministry. J J Roberts (protem) J C Jernigan. V. T. Baggett. Willie Cavenaugh J Taylor (Eld. W. H Avery who formerly belonged to the above named Committee. freely tenders his resignation
On Recording Texts Miss Callie Parker.

Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach tonight at 7.^{30} J. W. Lucas open, C. J. Carr. preach Tomorrow at 10^{30} R. W Bass open, and Kenith Rayner preach. at 2^{30} W. B. Hare open, and O B Garriss preach.

Conference adjourned until 9.^{30} tomorrow.

Second Day. Friday Nov. 1st. 1901.

Conference met according to previous adjournment and was called to order by the moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Jos. Salmon who read a part of the 12th Chapter of Romans. and lead in prayer. The roll was Called and 102 answered, there being four absentees. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. A Petitionary letter was received from the Church at Benson an was read and on motion of Rev. A. J. Bordeaux said Church was received into this Conference

Church letters were received from the several Churches and read before the house At 11^{30} A. M. Rev. R. I Corbett. Delegate from the Central-

conference responded to a welcome extended him and offered words of encouragement.
upon motion by E.L. Parker the name of the Church Known as Spring Branch is changed to Garland.
Motion offered by A.W. Gregory to change the name of the Committee on Ministerial Character to Committee on Deportment and Work of the Ministry.

Adjournment of one hour for dinner

Afternoon Session.

At 1^{15} Conference reassembled and proceeded with business under the head of Petitionary letters.
A Petitionary letter was received from New Chapel Church, on motion the matter was deferred.
A Petitionary letter was received from Union Grove Church. asking to be annexed to this Conference Said Church was received. A Petition was received from Rowan Church desiring admission into our Conference upon motion by D.R. Stafford said Church was received.
The following named Churches send petitions for the next session of this Conference viz Prospect. Hodges Chapel. Casey's Chapel Hopewell.
a vote was taken and it was decided that the next session should convene with the Church at Hopewell.

Reports from Committees Committee on Religious Exercises report to preach tonight at 7^{30} Rev N.R. Glover open and A.J. Bordeaux preach tomorrow at 10^{30} Rev W.J. Jernigan open and Rev. R.I. Corbett preach. At 2^{30} P.M. Rev. L.C. Johnson open and J.A. Blalock preach.

Obituary

We the Committee on obituaries beg to submit ~~the~~ following report Elder S.B. Thain departed this life July 25 = 1901 He was born in Annapolis Novascotia. Nov 4th. 1806 He joined the Sabbath School first in New York City at the age of eight years, and was a Sabbath School attendant for 86 years. He first joined the Missionary Baptist Church at Wilmington N.C., in 1842. In 1850 he moves to Johnston County, N.C., and served Smithfield

Baptist Church as Deacon for a number of years. After the civil war he purchased a farm near Bentonville N.C. Where he lived the remainder of his life In 1844 he connected himself with the Free Will Baptist Church. In 1870 he was ordained and given pastoral charge of New-hope Church. He was a faithful soldier in the Master's army till death. Rev. D.R. Stafford conducted the burial services using the 103rd Psalm. He had expressed his readiness to die and all who knew him had the utmost confidence in him. May the God of all grace and love bless and keep his beloved family til Jesus Comes. It is not all of life to live nor all of death to die; and while his body has been taken from our presence by reason of death, yet his influence lives and we believe our loss is his eternal gain.

Respectfully
J A Hodges
J F Owen.
F. M. Dawson } Committee.

We the Committee on finance beg leave to submit the following report: We find in the treasury as balance for 1900 $12.81 and for 1901 for minutes $44.69 for Home Missions $26.84 Foreign Missions $4.25 Total $88.59

J R Strickland Jr.
J. R. Parker.
J. L. Wooten Committee.

Report received and committee discharged.

Resolution.

Resolved. That the resolution passed by the last conference, requiring every delegate bearing a church letter upon his arrival at the conference to settle with the finance Committee; be and hereby is repealed and the old way of settlement adopted.

D. R. Stafford.

Above resolution was adopted. On motion by L. C. Johnson Conference adjourned til to-morrow at 9.30 A.M.

Third Day.

Saturday Nov. 2nd 1901. Conference met

at time aforesaid and was called to order by the Moderator. The minutes of yesterday were read corrected and approved

Report of Committee on Education

We the Committee on education respectfully submit the following report; Owing to the fact of a great need of educational training and equipment in our ranks, and believing that the brotherhood is desirous of competing with other denominations & doing her utmost in the advancement of the truth - her mission - the work of her head even Christ; We therefore recommend for the consideration of this honorable body: first The establishment of a school which shall be an educational centre for the Conference; that a Board of Directors consisting of twelve brethren be elected to have the supervision of the school: that five of said Committee shall compose a committee on location and arrangements. Second, The establishment of a paper as a medium of circulation and communication; that the Board of Directors appointed for the school shall have the supervision of the management of the paper. Third that a special prayer be offered and that the Brotherhood be requested to invoke Gods blessings upon this work

E.L. Gavin. E.L. Parker. O.B. Garriss. Com.

The foregoing report was adopted; and the names of the Board of Directors are as follows: H.W. Jernigan. J. Taylor. W.J. Powell. F.M. Dameron. Ransom West. J.F. Hill. R.C. Jackson J.L. Alphin. C.W. Anderson. A.W. Gregory. O.B. Garriss. W.P. Collier.

On location and arrangements H.W. Jernigan. A.W. Gregory. J. Taylor. C.W. Anderson. R.C. Jackson. By a motion offered by E.L. Parker it shall be the duty of the above Board of Directors to ascertain the cost of building site and equipment of the school building and apportion the amount among the several Churches. Upon motion said Board of Directors are empowered to elect men to fill any vacancy that may occur between the annual sessions of this body; but the Conference shall elect their successors when they have served their full term as hereinafter provided.

Upon motion by A.J. Bordeaux the first four named of above Board of Directors were elected for a term of three years and the next four for two years and the last four for a term of one year.

Report of Committee on Location & Arrangements

We the Committee selected out of the Board of Directors met at Stony Run church on the 14th day of Nov. 1901 and after hearing propositions and offers adopted the following offer by Bro. W. J. Powell: Location at Beulah three and one half miles from Clinton N.C. including 13 acres of land and one good school house furnished with stoves and one good piano: all valued at one thousand dollars, at a cost to the Conference of two hundred and eighty only. also in connection with this property is a suitable building for the printing press: and we also agree to purchase it if it can be bought for thirty dollars as it is supposed it can be. We ask all the local churches through their Clerks and pastors to raise and send in at once to our treasurer Ransom West Timothy N.C. an amount equal to 20 cents per capita of the church membership, for purchasing site repairing building to put the press in &c. We ask all the members of the Board of Directors to meet us promptly at Beulah N.C. on Tuesday Dec 17th 1901 at 11 oclock A.M. Respectfully.

R.C. Jackson Chmn. A.W. Gregory, Secy.

Misses Emma, Lee, and, Ella. Brown, were appointed as a committee to solicit funds for Church Extension. On motion the Conference votes to purchase a Printing Press at a Cost of $1000.00 and subscriptions were taken as follows (1) the printing press which the conference contracts to purchase being now owned by four individual members of this Conference (whose names the secretary failed to get,) each of whom agrees to give $50.00 in the sale of the press to this body, leaving a balance due of $800.00 with the following subscriptions. C.W. Anderson $10.00 the following named brethren subscribe $8.00 each 4 Pope. M.F. Blackman. D.C. Johnson. J.R. Parker. O.B. Garriss. Lin. Lewis Furney Tart. Willie Cavenaugh. J.A. Blalock. J.B. Goff. E.L. Parker. J.C. Jernigan. R.W. Bass. R.A. Jernigan G.H. Jernigan, H.H. Goff. N.T. Altman. W.J. Powell. F.P. Bartlett. J.W. King Jr. E.F. Edwards. W.B. Hare J.H. Faircloth. J.A. Hodges. E.B. Barefoot. F.M. Dameron. W.H. Gregory. A.W. Gregory H.J. Summerlin $4.00 A.S. Lucas $4.00 J.K. Moore and Hinton Tew $5.00 upon motion Conference adjourned 45 minutes for Dinner.

Afternoon Session. Petitionary letter from New Chapel Church is reconsidered and the church received into this body

Resolution by Ransom West.

Resolved: that no minister in the bounds of the Cape Fear Conference shall accept any call to the same church for more than two years in succession

Resolution was adopted. Report of Committees

We the Committee on Religious exercises report to preach to-night at 7^{30}. Rev G. A. Pope open and Rev. J. W. Moore preach to-morrow at 10^{20} Rev. H. H. Goff open and Rev. Lunda Lee preach at 1^{30} P.m. Rev. J. F. Hill preach. Respectfully

W J Powell. J. L. Alphin M. A. Williford. Committee.

Resolution

Resolved that no church in the bounds of this Conference shall use fermented wine in her Commemoration services

Respectfully. J. W. Lucas. above resolution was adopted.

Report of Committee. We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report We feel sure that the cause of temperance is constantly becoming more in favor ~~with~~ among our minister and laymen; your Committee for the last year have preached on the subject several times and, we feel with good results & we humbly pray and trust that with the Co-operation of others, the day will soon dawn upon us when all our ministers and Layety will be known as Total abstainers from all intoxicants as a beverage; so that we as a model church can do our part toward saving the world from the awful curse of intemperance. We recommend that all our local churches and pastors enforce a rigid discipline and see that all their members live up to the covenant as regards Temperance. Respectfully Submitted.

Lunda. Lee. R. W. Bass. W. B. Hare. Committee.

Report of Com on Deportment and work.

We the Committee on Deportment and work of the ministry. submit the following report: We find upon investigation that a number of our minister failed to attend the ministers meeting held at Dunn. and according to a resolution of this body they are not in good standing. Also, we find that a number of our young ministers are charged with preaching heresy, & upon thorough investigation we are satisfied that this originates from misunderstanding, We Therefore recommend that all our ministers be careful in preaching and practicing the teaching of the bible as laid down in our discipline.

Respectfully

J. Taylor. A.W. Gregory J.J. Roberts J.C. Jernigan V.T. Bagg. H.
Willie Cavenaugh. Com.

On motion of Rev. J.F. Owen Ministers are required to hand in their reports to the Committee on Deportment and Work of the ministry instead of reporting to the Secretary. By motion of Rev. C.L. Parker, the Treasurer is ordered to pay to H.W. Jernigan, what money there is remaining in the treasury for the purpose of church extension.

Report of the ordaining Council

We the ordaining Council beg leave to submit the following. We have examined all applicants appearing before us and found Brothers W.H. Avery. J.M. Langdon. and W.L. Godwin. to be orthodox in the faith and practices of the Free Will. Baptist Church, and expect to attend their ordaination to-morrow morning at 930 at the Church

Respectfully submitted.
Lunda. Lee. Robert. Strickland. J.F. Hill.

By motion of W.H. Gregory a vote of thanks is tendered Lee's. Chapel Church and Community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Conference. By motion of Rev. J.A. Hodges, the secretary was ordered to 1500 Copies of the minutes of this Conference printed and make distribution as heretofore ordered. By motion the Treasurer was ordered to pay the Secretary ten dollars for his services. On motion it was decided that the next annual session of this Conference will be held with the Church at Hopewell. Johnston County. N.C. beginning on Thursday before the first Sunday in Nov. at 12 M. 1902. By motion R.C. Jackson was elected to preach the introductory sermon and H.W. Jernigan was elected alternate.

Conference adjourned to meet at Hopewell Church Johnston County N.C. day and above named.

R.C. Jackson Moderator. T.M. Dameron. Secy.

Report of the Ministers Meeting.

According to previous appointment, the fourth session of the Ministers Meeting convened at the Church at Dunn, N.C. on June 22. 1901. Elder C.A. Jackson who had been elected to preach the introductory sermon was present and preached from the text 1st Tim, 4–12.

On motion the congregation was dismissed 45 minutes for Dinner.

Afternoon Session

The Congregation reassembled at 2^{30} and was called to order by the president. Ministers present, were enrolled as follows. Lunda Lee. W. J. Jernigan. L.E. Johnso D. R. Stafford H. W. Jernigan R. C. Jackson.

Officers

C. A. Jackson. President. R. C. Jackson Secy protem

On motion Lunda Lee. H. W. Jernigan L. E. Johnson were appointed as a Committee on programme for this session.

Report of Committee on Program.

We the Committee on program submit the following repo 1st Is it the duty of pastors to instruct their respective Churches to take action against any minister or layman who may have dissented from the doctrine and discipline of the Cape Fear Conference, or ordinances of the Free Will Baptist denomination? 2nd, Should any minister in our Conference accept calls to more Churches than he can consistently serve himself? 3rd When is the proper time to Celebrate the Lords Suppe 4th Is sanctification a work of grace subsequent to regeneration

Program recieved and Committee discharged.

First subject discussed, and it was decided that it is the duty of pastors to advise their churches to take action against such persons.

On motion Conference adjourned until october the 2 1902 as there was a misunderstanding among us as to the date of this meeting Benediction by president.

Second. Day. Conference met according to the time appointed Rev. Jos. Salmon Read the 9th Chap. of Isaiah and lead in prayer. The president being ill. Rev. Lunda Lee was Chosen president protem. The roll was called and the following named ministers answered to their names.

Lunda Lee. W. J. Jernigan. D. R. Stafford. R. C. Jackson. W. M. Pope K Raynes Jos. Salmon, Wm Hare. J. H. Faircloth G. A. Pope. H. Pope R. H. Bass. J. F. Owen. J. A. Blalock. E. F. Edwards J. W. Lucas. J. M. Lee. Henry Dudley. By motion Conference adjourned until 1^{30}.

After-noon Session.

On motion subject 2 was discussed, and it was unanymously decided that no minister should accept Calls from more Churches than he (himself) Can consistently serve.

Subject 3 was then taken up and it was agreed by all present that it was at night when our Lord instituted the sacramental

-suppers and we recommend that all our churches celebrate said supper at night and follow the same by washing each others feet. Subject 4 was next discussed and it was decided that sanctification is a work of grace subsequent to regeneration. On motion Conference adjourned until to-morrow 10 oclock a.m. Prayer by Revs R.C. Jackson and J.A. Blalock.

Third Day. Conference met at the appointed time and was opened by prayer by the president On motion it was decided that all subjects presented to this body for discussion must be submitted in writing.

Subject 5 Should any minister in our Conference conduct of Communion service without following the same by washing feet.? It was agreed that the foot washing service should follow the Communion service. By motion Conference adjourns for dinner.

Afternoon Session. Subject presented by R.C. Jackson. In what relationship with God does justification place a person? It was agreed that justification places a person in a state of peace with God which we consider a saved state. Under how many heads is justification taught in the bible? R.C. Jackson. It was agreed that justification was taught under four heads. On motion the election of officers for the next session was as follows Lunda Lee President, J.A. Blalock Secretary. Rev. Jos Salmon was elected to preach the introductory sermon. and Rev. Lunda Lee to preach a doctrinal sermon the second day at 11 oclock. and Rev. R.C. Jackson to preach on the third day at 11 oclock a sermon on Home and Foreign Missions. The next Ministers Meeting will convene at Stony Run Church, Sampson County N.C. four miles east of the town of Dunn N.C. Said meeting will begin on Tuesday before the second Sunday in Octo 1902

On motion by J.W. Lucas Conference adjourns. Closing remarks and Benediction by Rev R.C. Jackson.

Lunda Lee Pres. protem. R.C. Jackson Secy. protem.

Report of District Sunday School Convention.

Sunday School	Superintendents.	Members on Roll.	No Ch. Members	To Ch. from S.S.	pd for Literature.	Average Attendance	Miscellaneous Funds.	Delegates
1st District								
Prospect.	L.M. Ryall	100	29	1	5.07	61	.50	A Turlington
Pleasant Grove	A.S. Lucas.	61	30	5	5.76	42		A.S. Lucas.
Hodges Chapel.	C.S. Johnson.	105	39	7	9.00	74		
Piney Forest.	W.L. Godwin.	114	20	6	1.15	75		C.A. Barber.
Elevation	L.E. Stancil.	56	36	2	5.05	36		Marion Johnson.
Neill's Creek.	W.T. Morgan	74	32	6	3.75	41		W.T. Morgan,
2nd District								
Stony Run	Nathan Barefoot.	90				65	$14.00	E.B. Barefoot,
Corinth	J Taylor.	61	20		1.22	40	13.59	C.S. Phillips
Shady Grove	N.T. Jackson.	117			2.64		3.50	Kirby West.
Roberts Grove	S.F. Jackson	81	31	8	2.28	38	5.00	M.T. Jackson.
Oak Grove	Jonah McPhail.	72			1.58	32		W.E. Godwin.
Long Branch	W.P. Smith	47	21		4.95	25		J.A. Weeks.
Zoar	G.M. Cooper	109			5.40	80	4.70	A.S. Lockaman.
Lee's Chapel.	M.A. Williford.	33				30	6.00	L.M.K Tew.
Bethesda	L.A. Warren.	75			12.30	60		Dan Dixon.
Enterprise	J.M. Wade	90	25		3.50	70	9.60	J.C. Barker.
4th District								
Casey's Chapel	J.A. Thomas.	65	23	1	6.45	45	85	I. Grant.
Johnsons Union	W.H. Avery.	74			4.49	30		W.H. Avery.
Woods Grove.	B.F. Ward.	67	20		4.10	30	1.00	Miss L. Vinson

Statistical Table of 191

Churches & Counties	For minutes	Paid to Pastor	Miscel. Funds	No. members rec'd	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	No. Members	Increase	Decrease	No. males	No. Females	Home Missions	Foreign Missions
w Zealand. Johnston.	$1.00	$15		8	7	1		1	45	6		16	29	$1.10	
ippells Grove. Wayne	1.	2.91		12					37	12		13	24		
laingtons Grove. Johnston	50	13.15		2		4			27		2	13	14		
easant Grove. Harnett.	1.	7.85		7	1				92	7		41	51		
eavers Grove " "	30	5.		1	1	1		1	12		1	5	7		
nion Grove Pender	25	8		8	1				8			4	4		
hady Grove. Duplin.	30	9		2	1				23	2		11	12		
ohnson Union Johnston.	1.50	30		7	7	5	1		117	11		33	84		
aints Delight.	50	6.75		6			3		43						
t Johns	75	8.		7	3				26	7		13	13	3.	
Tea Chapel	50	12.98			1				25	2		8	17		
Roman. Bladen.		20.		8	1				43	8		18	23		
Hopewell Johnston.	1.	25		2	1				33	2		13	20		
Wilmington New Hanover	50	49.75		12	6	1			38	11		12	26		
Mt Pleasant Wake	1	6.75		2	2				45	2		10	35		
eensleys Grove. Johnson	.30	5.30		18	14		1		21			5	16		
St Mary's Grove " "	1	8.40							47	17		28	19		
North East. Duplin.	56	24.65		10	2				28	10		13	16		
Stony Run Sampson	1.50								112		2	38	74		
Roberts Grove " "	60	15.75		11	9	2	1		72	8		32	40	2.75	
lainview " "	40	5.25							61		1	21	40	35	
Carys Chapel Pender	25	21.		5	2				17	5		5	12		
Rayner's Chapel. Cumberland.	50	12		16	5				29	16		13	16		
Lee's Chapel. Sampson.	1.37	10.					1	1	75		2	47	32		
Prospect Harnett.	1.50	4.92	6.00	1	1	8	1	4	118		12	29	89		
ewtons X Roads	25	11.09		1		1			18			6	12		
Union Springs Johnston	75	6.85		1			2		38		3	17	20	.60	
Long Branch Cumberland.	1.10	21.40		1			4	1	152		5	62	90		
Colliers Chapel " "	1.50	18.50		3	2	1			104		3	44	60		
Fort Run, Greene	1.25	42.		3		1	2	2	100		2	34	66		
Owen Grove. Sampson.	25	10.50		5	4		1	1	55	3		27	28		
Hodges Chapel. Harnett.	1.12	26.90	40.4	19	15	1	58		109		36	40	69		
Williams Grove " "		44.8.		6	6	10		1	22		5	9	13		
Penziel, Pender	50	31						1	11		1	6	5		
Bethel, Johnson.	1.10	12.00		14	6	1	1	1	49	11		17	32		
Shady Grove Sampson.	2.50	29.15	15.00	8			6	4	355		2	138	217		
New Hope. Johnson,	1.35	20.13	40	10	5	1	1	1	76	6		31	45		
Johnson's Chapel " "	1.	14.65		3			3	2	57		2	21	30		
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	1.50	38.50		3	2	2	3	8	72	1		24	48	2.50	
Henry's Grove Harnett.	45			1		1			11			5	6		
Corinth. Sampson,	50	10.65					1		39		1	15	24		
Oak Grove " "	1.00	22.25		4	3				46	4		18	28		
Piney Grove Johnson.	50	2.50					1		23		7	3	20		
Woods Grove. Wayne	2.	35		2	2	7			131	5		46	85		
Dunn. Harnett	1.	27.75	45.04	5	3				65	5		26	39		
St Pauls Sampson.	1.15	40.50		11	9	4		2	96	5		26	60	1.05	
Bethlehem Duplin.	1.	30.	35	11	1				53	11		30	23	1.27	
Garland Sampson.	50	24.50		14	2				25	14		12	13	.50	.50
Lebanon " "	1.	40.		2				1	50	1		17	33	2.13	2.00
Benson Johnston.	50	8.							9			6	3		
Zoar Sampson,	1.25	34.50	20.	32	32			1	62	31		33	29		
New Chapel Johnston.	50			10					10			4	6		

Value of Roberts Grove Church property $400.00

Churches	Clerks.	P. O. Addresses.	Pastors for 1901.
Biggells. Grove.	Lon. J. Weeks	Starlight, N.C.	Robert Strickland and W.G. Jernigan
Jelningtons Grove	Mary Roberts	Smithfield	J W ~~Lucas~~. Pastor.
New Zealand.	M F Blackman	Overshot.	W.M. Pope
Pleasant Grove	A.S. Lucas	Dunn.	J A Hodges
Weavers Grove	J E Dorman	Troy ville	Hannibal Pope
Union Grove	J.C. Garriss	South Washington.	O.B. Garriss
Shady Grove Duplin	Ransom Sholar.	Sloan	O.B. Garriss
Johnson Union	S.C. Turnage	Smithfield	C.A. Jackson.
Saints Delight	B.A. Morgan.		Lunda Lee
St. Johns.	Jas. C. Grant	Goldsboro	J F Hill
Tea Chapel.	J.N. Royal.	Pineland.	D.R. Stafford
Rowan	M.D. Brown	Olga.	O.B. Garriss " "
Hopewell.	J.R. Johnson,	Ezra	H.W. Jernigan
Wilmington.	L.B. Bonham.	Wilmington	C.J. Carr.
Mt Pleasant	J.D. Adams.	Myatts Mills.	J A Blalock
Beasleys Grove	W.J. Moore	Benson.	J A Hodges,
St Mary's Grove	J.E. Hobbs.	Pou.	J A Blalock.
North East.	Willie Cavenaugh	Pasley.	O.B. Garriss.
Stony Run.	W.E. Jernigan.	Mingo	H W Jernigan
Rob[illegible]. Grove	S F Jackson.	Lydia.	Lunda Lee
Plainview	R.C. Bass.	Keener	W.M. Pope
Carrs Chapel.	S.W. Lewis.	Grit	C.J. Carr.
Rayners Chapel.	M.J. Rayner.	Hope Mills.	K. Rayner
Lee's. Chapel.	Elmon B. Tart	Mingo	Robert Strickland
Prospect.	C.L. Avery	Key.	C.A. Jackson
Newtons + Roads.	J.W. Highsmith	Bland	C.J. Carr.
Union Springs	J.P. Stephenson	Barclaysville.	H Pope.
Long Branch,	L.W. Tart	Dunn.	W.R. Glover.
Colliers Chapel	H.P. Lucas.	Draughon.	J.F. Owen
Fort Run.	W.J. Ginn	Shine	C.A. Jackson
Hodges Chapel	J.R. Strickland Jr.	Benson,	H.W. Jernigan
Williams Grove	J.D. Stephenson.	Angier.	J.A. Hodges.
Owen Grove	D.L. Owen	Clinton	J F Owen
Peniel.	C.V. Batts	Willard.	C.J. Carr.
Bethel	E M Temple	Four Oaks.	W.J. Jernigan.
New Hope.	J.B. Jernigan	Glenmore	C.A. Jackson
Johnson Chapel	J.A. Johnson	Ezra	W.M. Pope
Casey's Chapel	E.E. Long	Elroy.	R.C. Jackson.
Hendy's Grove	W.J. Godwin	Dudley.	G.A. Pope.
St. Pauls	F.M. Dameron.	Clinton	R.C. Jackson
Piney Grove	B.G. Stanley	Four Oaks.	Robert Strickland.
Corinth	E.R. Blew	Giles Mills.	R.W. Bass.
Oak Grove	E M. Tart	Rosin Hill	J F Owen.
Dunn	C.L. Guy.	Dunn.	R.C. Jackson.
Zoar	J.L. Crumpler	Salemburg	R.C. Jackson.
Woods Grove	J.J. Roberts	Saulston	Jas. Worley.
Bethlehem.	O.M. Lee	Faison.	J.F. Hill.
New Chapel	J.W. Pool	Wilsons Mills.	Robert Strickland
Garland.	J.C. Bordeaux	Garland.	R.C. Jackson.
Lebanon	H.C. Peterson	Dalila	R.C. Jackson.
Benson	C.W. Anderson.	Benson.	H.W. Jernigan

Addendum

1867

Minutes of Conference held at Stony Run October 10, 11 and 12 1867 a copy of which has come to hand since that part of this Book to which it belonged, was filled

Minutes

Thursday, Oct. 10, 1867

According to previous appointment, the Ministers and Delegates composing the thirteenth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference, met at Stony Run Meeting House, Cumberland County N. C.

Elder F. B. Creech according to previous appointment, preached the Introductory Sermon, from 3rd chapter 13th verse of Galatians

After a recess of twenty minutes, Conference was duly organized by choosing the following Officers, Elder Wm. Byrd Moderator and Bro. A. G. Hill, Assistant

On motion a Committee of Arrangements was appointed to supply the stand with preachers during this Conference. Bro. [illegible], J. E. Heidelberg and J. Warren compose said committee

On motion, Elders J. [illegible], W. S. Hall, and F. Creech were appointed a committee on the Ministry for 12 months to examine licentiates

The Committee of Arrangements report: That Elders J. White and J. B. Holder preach to the attending congregation on Friday.

On motion, Elder J. H. Brooks of the M. E. Church South was invited to a seat in this Conference.

On motion, Bros. G. W. Tew, H. Blalock, and Jas. G. Rainer were elected committee of Finance.

On motion, Conference agreed to meet each day at 10 o'clock.

On motion, Conference adjourned to Friday. Prayer by Elder Byrd.

Friday, October 11. 1867.

Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. Brooks.

On motion, the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion Bros. Jackson and Hill are invited to a seat as messengers from Shady Grove.

On motion the Conference [illegible] letters [illegible] call for [illegible]

Table of Church Statistics

Churches	Counties	Names of Delegates	Receivd	Baptized	Expelled	Dead	Dismiss	No. Mem	Contrib.
Prospect	Harnett	J. L. Ryals, J. M. Morgan						[illegible]	
Stony Run	Cumberland	[illegible]							[illegible]
Long Branch	"	H. L. Lee, B. W. Lee, J. J. Tew.			1			75	2.00
Little River	"	Not represented							
Carvers Creek	"	"							
Bethsaida	Harnett	J. G. Rainer, A. Norris, J. S. Neighbors	13	9	1		2	98	1.50
Pates' S. H.	"	S. King, A. Gregory						[illegible]	[illegible]
Pleasant Grove	"	R. J. Norris, A. Lucas, R. Lucas.			5	2		68	2.00
Shady Grove	Sampson	W. West, W. R. Jackson						48	1
Piney Green	"	D. W. Tew, G. W. Tew				1	7	49	
Mt Pleasant	Wake	A. G. Hill, H. Blalock, J. [illegible]							3.0[illegible]
Black Creek	Johnston	[illegible]			3			39	3.00
Laurel Chapel	"	[illegible] Corbill, Parker, Ba[illegible]	1	3		1	1	27	2.00
Stony Fork	"	R. A. Barber, F. Allen	1					[illegible]	[illegible]
Savannah	"								
St. Mary's Grove	"								

(378 M.S.)

On motion, the Committee of Finance [illegible] to settle with The Treasurer

On motion, the name of the African C[illegible] at Prospect was changed to Mt. Pisgah.

On motion, the Committee of Finance rep[illegible] [illegible] was [illegible]

Report of Finance Committee

We the undersigned committee, beg leave to report the following:

Amount on hand	$[illegible]
[illegible] year	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]
G. W. Tew

On motion the name of Bro. [illegible] Hall [illegible] minutes as a licentiate.

On motion agreed that the next annual [illegible] with the Church at Laurel [illegible] county [illegible] on Saturday before the [illegible]

On motion; [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Conference [illegible] that we send no [illegible]

[illegible] Conference [illegible] copies to the African Churches.

[illegible]

[illegible] on Saturday.

[illegible] was appointed to [illegible] the next Introductory Sermon. Elder B. B. Holder his [illegible]

[illegible]

On motion; Eld. [illegible] Creech [illegible] Benj. Godwin were appointed a committee [illegible] Bro. Ryals in regard to the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Creech was regards the report of [illegible] spread upon the minutes.

Resolved; That the Ministers of this Conference be requested to present to the [illegible] Conference a written report of all their Ministerial labors; Said report to include the following items

[illegible]

2nd The number of Prayer Meetings held, and Sabbath-school Lectures delivered.

3rd The number of Pastoral Visits made

4th The number of members received and Baptized

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Trust [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Clerk [illegible]
After the Clerk's [illegible]
[illegible] be of [illegible]
your chair be [illegible]

[illegible], Esq.

Dear Sir,

[illegible] much of my time [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] you may [illegible]
[illegible] I am [illegible]

[illegible] 18[illegible]

[illegible]